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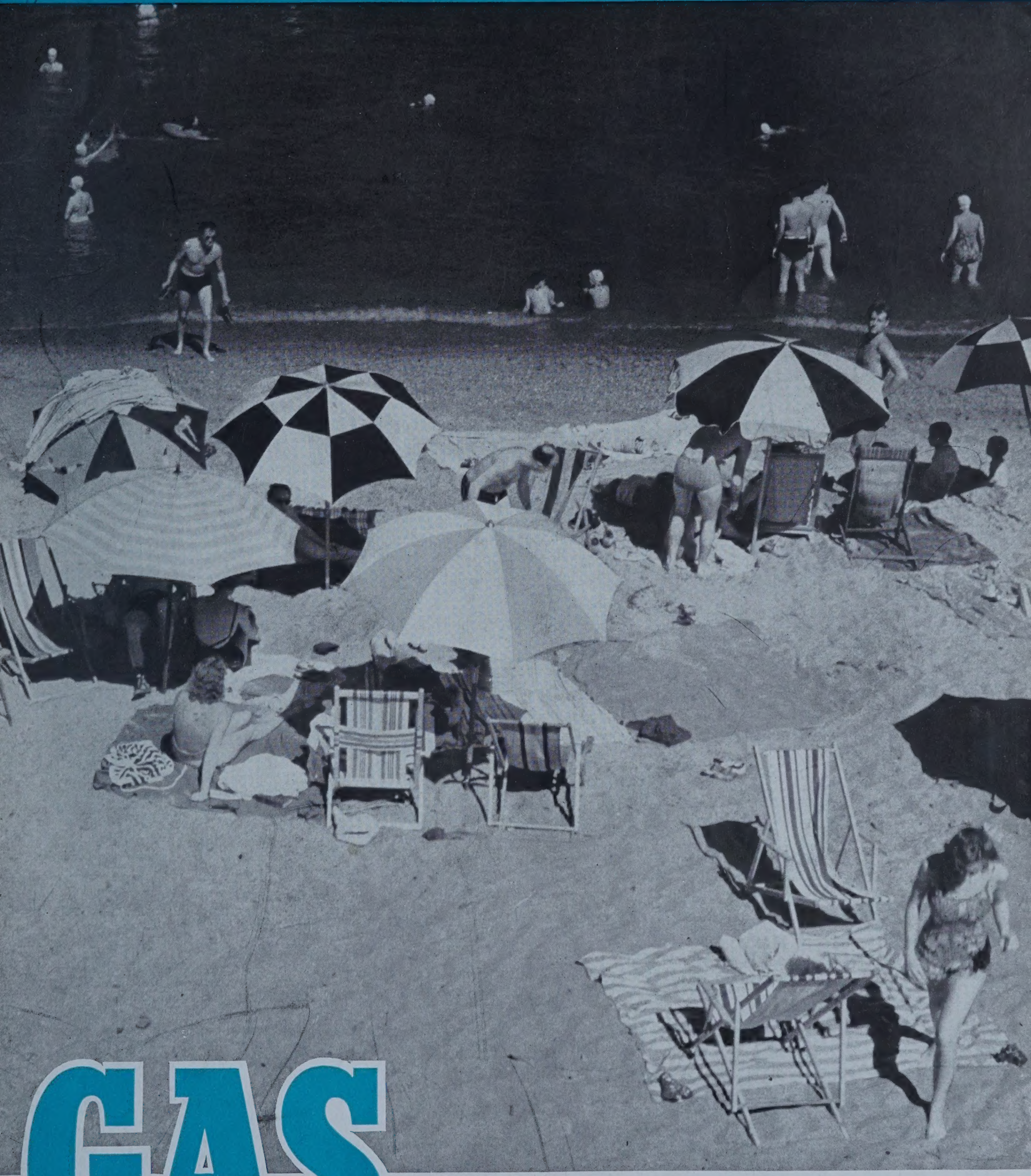


GAS NEWS

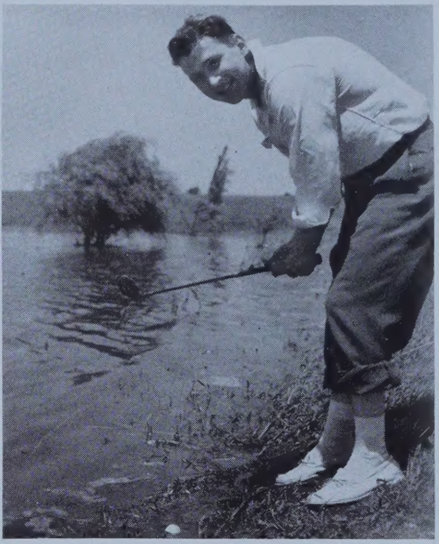
JULY 1943

Golf Tourney Close-ups

At the ninth hole, Harry Reimer, Engineering, Mike Lambke, Customers, Ray Warne, Service Dispatching, and John Solon, Methods and Routine, watch the progress of a long drive.

A South District foursome takes time off from golf for a bit of poker. They are: Leonard Casey, James Murphy, Art Eustuce, and John Orent.

Mary O'Donnell, Bernice Baumann, Dorothy Crane, and Mary Ried, all from the Key Punch Section, pause mid-way around the fairway to tally up their scores.



The pictures at left caught Grace Wesley, Key Punch, and Ed Malarkey, Engineering, fishing out valuable golf balls which inadvertently found their way into the water hazards.

Striding purposefully down the fairway, these four musketeers from South District are: John Schuldt, Joseph Spain, Leonard Casey, and Paul Coons.

Checking over the receipts of the day are Madeline Combs and Florence Lees, General Accounting; Dorothy Crotty and Harriet Monahan, Customer Accounting.

On July 2, the Company received word from Col. Harris P. Ralston, Deputy State Director and Occupational Advisor of the Illinois Selective Service System, announcing that our replacement schedules have been approved and that we have been assigned a State Acceptance Number. Briefly this means that the Selective Service System and our Company are cooperating so that our employes may be made available for military service in a manner that will assist the Selective Service System, and at the same time will not affect our Company's service.

These replacement schedules are a by-product of the Manning Table which is a means whereby the War Manpower Commission and the Selective Service System facilitate the greatest utilization of the Nation's manpower and provide a basis for the replacement in industry of men who should be made available for military service. The manning table is a listing of the different kinds of jobs in a company from the viewpoint of the type of worker needed to fill each job. It also records the different types of jobs and describes the skill, training and experience needed by each worker.

This information is submitted to the Selective Service System and they in turn approve the Replacement Schedule with a statement that the Company has provided for replacement of registrants in a manner consistent with the Selective Service System's policies, and gives permission to have a rubber stamp made which is to be used on every Form 42A (which is a request for a draft deferment for a "necessary" employe). The Company then submits the deferment request notice to the Local Draft Boards and they in turn accept the program as agreed upon by the State Selective Service Board.

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Two hundred key men in the Operating Division are competing among themselves to squelch the lost-time-accident bugaboo in the Operating Division Supervisors' Safety Contest. In this issue, Gas News presents first of a series of articles outlining the factors which will be considered by the judges in selecting the winners. These articles, concise, pictorial, and understandable, should also benefit employes in other departments who desire to improve their safety record.

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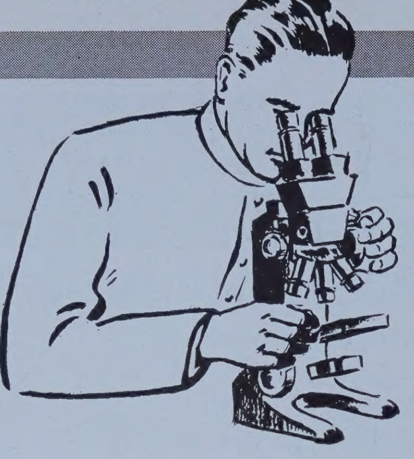
The Cover

Take one sand-strewn beach along the wave-licked shores of Lake Michigan; dot with vari-colored umbrellas and beach chairs; add groups of people soaking up Sunshine Vitamin D, eating picnic lunches, and swimming. There you have the ingredients of the GAS NEWS cover picture for July—and a 1943 vacation, a tire-less, gas-less, train-less vacation which Chicagoans can spend in their own home town. For more vacation ideas, read the story on Page 4. Photo by Louis C. Williams.

Coming Events

Peoples Gas Club Family Picnic
Riverview Park
10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Peoples Gas Club Garden Show
September 7, 8, and 9
Peoples Gas Building



Servel Sees Service

In The Home Front War On Disease

A CALL comes in to the Serum Center at Michael Reese hospital from the State Department in Washington, D.C. The son of the Prime Minister of Egypt has infantile paralysis. His condition is serious. He must have polio serum. Telephone calls flash back and forth, a plane is reserved, and in a very short time the precious polio serum is on its way to New York. There it is met by a U.S. bomber and speedily flown to Egypt.

The Commanding Officer at the Rantoul Army Air Base calls and says that one of his men is critically ill and in urgent need of a transfusion. "A bomber will be at the Chicago airport in twenty minutes. Can you be there with the serum?" Twenty minutes after the call was received, a messenger from the Serum Center arrived at the airport just as the huge Army bomber landed. In a matter of seconds, the serum was aboard the ship and on its way to save another life.

These are everyday occurrences at the Samuel Deutsch Serum Center—exciting to the layman, but merely an incidental part of their job to the workers at the Center.

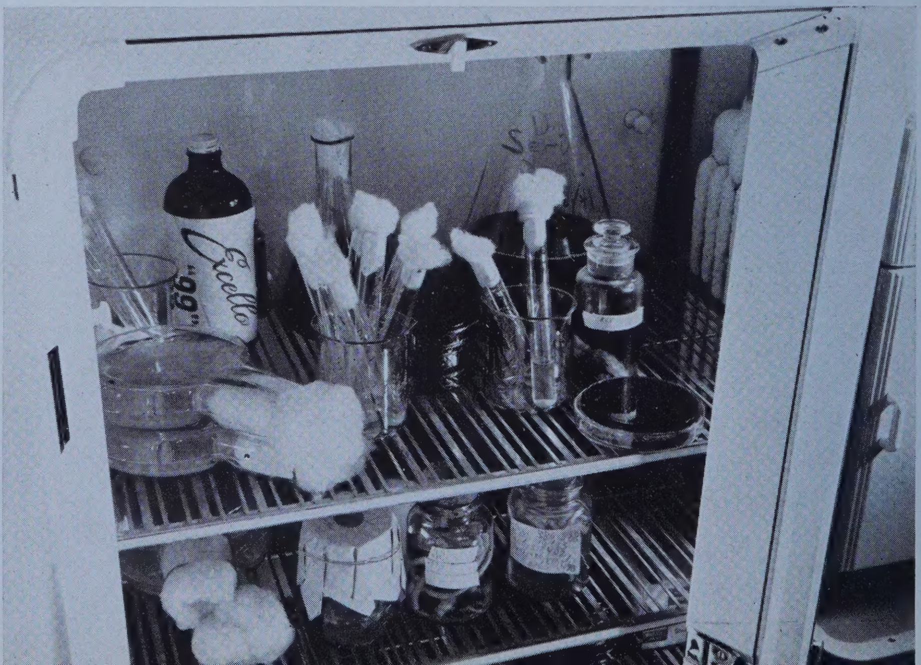
The Samuel Deutsch Serum Center at Michael Reese hospital was the first human serum center in the country to be licensed by the National Institute of Health. That was fifteen years ago. Today, there are only seven other such centers in the United States. The work they are doing—research in bacteriology, blood substitute therapy, learning the habits of pathogenic (disease producing) micro-organisms and how to control them has a value to society which cannot be measured in dollars or mere words. Gas Company employes can be proud of the fact that Servel refrigerators are used exclusively by the Serum Center in carrying on this work. Valuable serums and bacteria cultures of all kinds are stored in Servels—for it is necessary that a constant temperature be maintained. A fluctuation of 5 degrees will affect the serum. The doctors and bacteriologists at the Center have nothing but the highest praise for Servel refrigerators and say that they give "Rolls Royce" service.

Serum Production Detailed Job

A trip behind the scenes at the Center reveals the infinite amount of research, experiment, and detail which goes into producing the serums which are stored in Servel refrigerators. Also, it reveals many interesting facts about the infectious diseases which plague mankind. Paradoxically enough, if it weren't for germs we couldn't live. Yet, if allowed to run rampant in their "infectious" way, germs would soon destroy us. Uncontrolled, these infinitesimal micro-organisms, so tiny that 10,000 of them fit comfortably on the point of a pin, are our deadliest enemies. And they're such a prolific breed! Reproducing by binary division (that is, one cell dividing to make two, two making four, etc.), it has been estimated that the progeny of a single cell at the end of 24 hours would be 16,777,220.

In the bacteriology laboratory at the Serum Center, scientists are constantly experimenting with new serums and vaccines—searching for better means of controlling pathogenic micro-organisms. In one of the large Servel refrigerators are bacteria cultures (mediums upon which germs thrive) of typhoid and pneumonia germs, the sleeping sickness virus, a bottle containing the spinal cord of a monkey that died from infantile paralysis, the brains of mice who had hydrophobia, etc. In a dry icebox, where the temperature is 75 degrees below zero, are kept flu germs,

Pictured below is the interior of one of the Servel refrigerators in the bacteriology laboratory. Each cotton-stopped flask and tube is a bacteria culture. One of the jars on the lower shelf contains the spinal cord of a monkey that died of infantile paralysis.



discovered in 1933 and thought to be the gangster mob which caused the flu epidemic of the last World War. Chicken embryos also serve as culture mediums. The fertile eggs are injected with various types of virus (such as those causing smallpox, colds, and sleeping sickness) and are placed in a hatcher. The resultant diseased embryos are used in experimenting with different serums and vaccines to determine which are the most effective in combatting the diseases.

Animals Used in Testing Serums

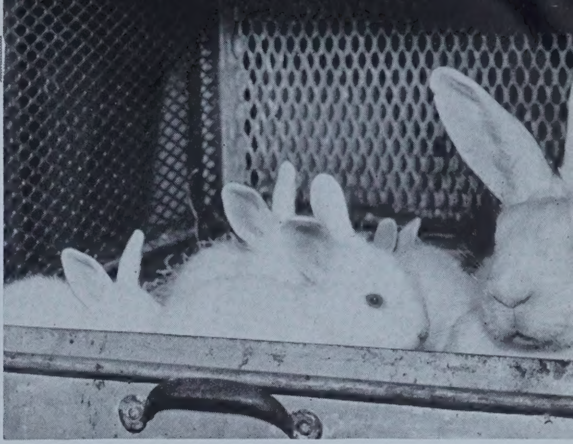
Another section of the lab looks like a small-size zoo with its cages of rabbits, monkeys, white mice, and guinea-pigs. These animals also are used in testing serums and vaccines. For example, this reporter was shown three cages of white mice which had been inoculated with three types of typhoid vaccine. After the necessary lapse of time, the effects of the different vaccines will be compared and the most efficacious one thereby selected.

The monkeys, a lively and mischievous lot, have been used in a number of interesting experiments, one of the most fascinating of which had to do with infantile paralysis. During the summer months (now considered the polio or infantile paralysis season) there was noted a decided upswing in the number of infantile paralysis cases reported. Queerly enough, the disease seemed to strike healthy, vigorous individuals. In a Boston high school, for instance, eighteen cases were reported in one month and it was discovered that sixteen of the eighteen children afflicted were boys on the football team. This, and similar instances, led scientists to believe that extreme exertion and possible chilling during the summer months increased a person's predisposition to the disease. In the experiments carried on at the Michael Reese bacteriology lab, a number of monkeys infected with polio virus were tired by swimming; others were chilled. It was discovered that this greatly increased the severity of the disease's attack.

It is generally believed that most of us have been exposed to the infantile paralysis virus—some of us have had a mild attack, although this may have been no more than a severe summer cold. However, it is now an established fact that extreme exertion or chilling during the polio season may cause a severe attack of infantile paralysis. For this reason, parents should encourage children to take a nap each afternoon, especially during the summer. Swimming in Lake Michigan after a strenuous game of tennis should be avoided—for this may produce a chill and allow the polio virus to attack.

By means of experiments such as those mentioned above, doctors are gradually learning how to control and how to treat disease. At present, scientists at the Serum Center are experimenting on new vaccines for diseases of military importance — secretive and highly important work in this war year.

But there is another important phase of work at the Samuel Deutsch Serum Center and that is the production of human plasma and serum. In large Servel refrigerators are kept bottles of human blood, secured from healthy, fasting donors. These stand for 24 hours and then the serum is syphoned off the top. Huge centrifuge machines are also used in this work. These whirl the jars of blood around at a great speed, thus separating the red blood cells from the liquid portion of the blood known as plasma. Highly skilled technicians, working in dust-free, air-conditioned rooms, process the plasma and serum, an operation which demands the utmost in sterility procedures. Every specimen of blood is individually tested for sterility. Twenty or more specimens are then mixed and filtered through a Berkefeld filter. A preservative is added, and then random samples are injected into mice and guinea-pigs to test the toxicity and thus insure complete safety.



The rabbit family pictured above is one of many employed in pyrogen tests of all intravenous administration tubing to be sure that it is chemically clean as well as sterile.

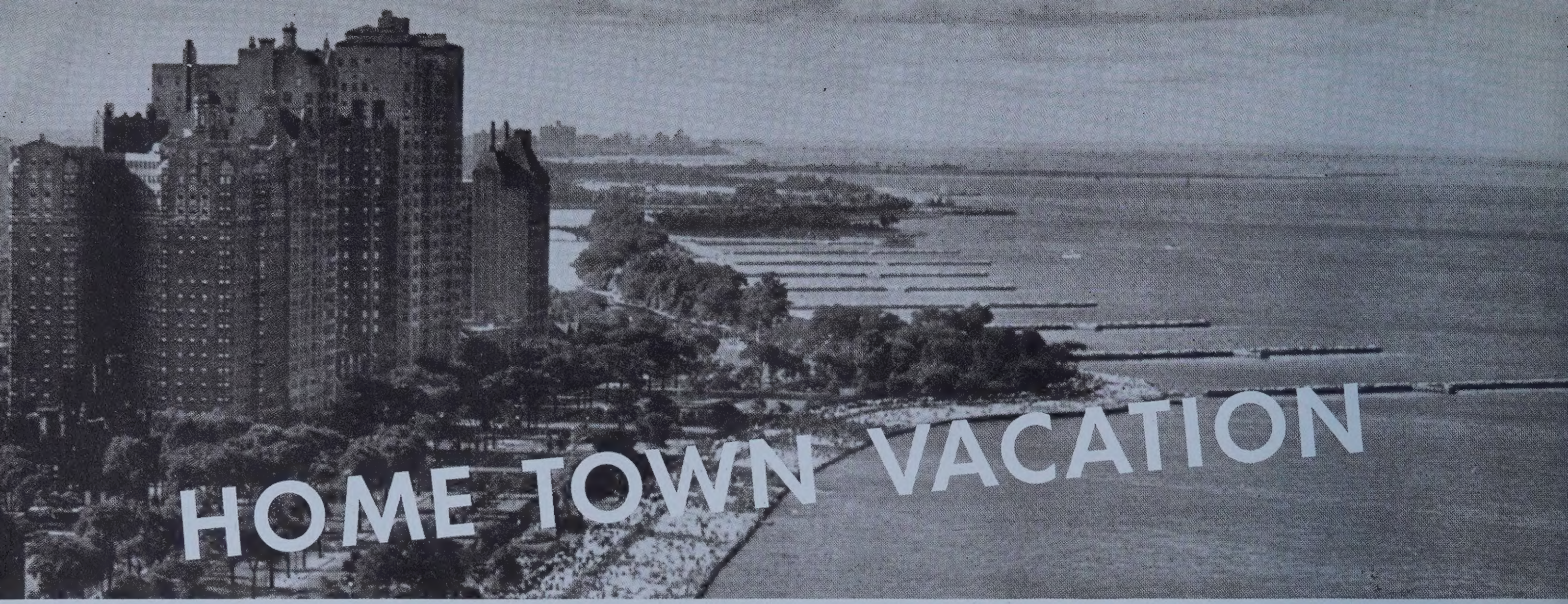
Produce Two Types of Serum

Two types of human serum are produced at the Center: the Normal Human Serum, which is used in shock and hemorrhage cases to quickly restore depleted plasma volume; and the Convalescent Serum which is used as a prophylaxis, as well as a treatment for such diseases as scarlet fever, measles, mumps, and infantile paralysis. Serum for the latter is distributed free.

All proceeds from the sale of Michael Reese Serums and Plasma are utilized by the Michael Reese Research Foundation in forwarding their objective of combatting disease. Because of the philanthropic activities of this nonprofit organization, and others like it, the germ gangster mobs, which delight in making life unpleasant, are gradually coming under the relentless control of science.

On the shelves of the Servel pictured below are stored jars of Normal Human Serum, ready for instant use in shock and hemorrhage cases. Serologic tests have already been performed and blood grouping and compatibility tests are not required before administration.

HOME TOWN VACATION



va.ca'tion (vā.kā´shŭn), n. 1. Respite or a time of respite; an intermission or rest 2. A period for rest and recreation; a holiday.

So Webster defines "two weeks with pay." No mention of cross-country jaunts by train or auto; no mention of cruises to Hawaii or Bermuda. Just respite, rest, and recreation. You can enjoy those three R's in your own home town—for rest, 'tis said, is but fitting oneself to one's sphere.

Your sphere is not bounded by the garage, the Victory garden, and the picket fence of your own backyard. It includes all of Chicago—210 square miles of everything and anything to suit the most varied tastes.

Ever visit the Adler Planetarium? There you'll see the thrilling drama of the Heavens. You'll look up into a miniature universe and see the sun, the moon, and the planets threading their ways among the stars. You'll see dusk gradually deepen to midnight and then watch the dawn slowly brush the sky of stars. Here is perfect respite for you—perfect relaxation.

Do you like animals? Spend a day at the Brookfield Zoo where, in man-made mountains, gullies, and forests, you'll see rare specimens in their native habitat. This is a country wonderland at the city's edge. In the north side's Lincoln Park is another zoo—home of famous Bushman, the most perfect gorilla in captivity.

For beauty-loving horticulturists, the Garfield Park Conservatory, largest conservatory under one roof in the world, will provide many an hour of enjoyment. There you'll see exotic plants and flowers representing every country and climate on the globe. You'll see the rare beauty of over 3,000 orchids, a collection valued at $50,000. You'll walk down paths which lead through masses of tropical foliage. In the Fernery, you'll visit the Wishing Well, a bit of fairyland. You'll see water-lily pools—and everywhere you'll marvel at the beauties of Nature.

Water-lily pool at Garfield Park

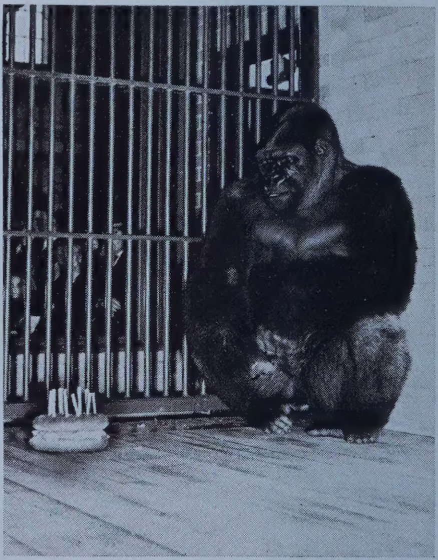
Like to fish? You won't be able to use your tackle at the Shedd Aquarium, but you'll see specimens of the fish world that you never dreamed existed.

Like to dabble in history? Visit the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago. Here you'll see the ancient civilizations of Babylon and Thebes; relics from the Stables of Solomon; a model of the tower of Babel—all so realistic that you'll begin to think you're wearing a toga.

If you want a touch of foreign atmosphere, visit Chinatown and see its school, temple, and city hall; walk along the streets of the Ghetto, lined with outdoor bazaars and peddlers who loudly proclaim their bargains; enjoy the novel contrasts of the Greek, Hungarian, Russian, and Mexican sections.

For sports enthusiasts, there is a full calendar of pastimes: baseball at Wrigley Field or Comiskey Park; horse racing; swimming at any of the beaches which stretch along the city's shore front; tennis; golf; riding in the Forest Preserve, or along the bridle paths of Lincoln, Jackson, and Washington Parks; trap shooting in Lincoln Park along the shores of Lake Michigan.

So take a vacation in your own sphere—explore your own home town—your imagination is the only limit. Make your vacation days a tonic of the new, the exciting, the inspirational, and the sheer kid-fun of roller-coasting at Riverview. This is the gas-less, trainless sort of vacation that the government approves of—and so will you.



Lincoln Park's famous Bushman

K. B. Nagler New Vice President

Six Appointments in Operating Division as of July 1

K. B. Nagler

On June 25, an announcement from the office of Chairman G. A. Ranney revealed that Karl B. Nagler was elected vice president in charge of operation by the Company's Board of Directors to succeed the late W. G. Rudd. Prior to his new assignment, Mr. Nagler had been assistant vice president.

As was the case with his predecessor in office, Mr. Nagler started his Gas Company career as a laborer. With the exception of a 10-month break in service during the last war, when he joined the fighting forces of Uncle Sam, Mr. Nagler's 28 years with the Company were spent in the operating end of the business. He held numerous positions in various production and distribution stations before coming to the Engineering department as an Engineer in 1926. In 1927 he was made a system development engineer. In 1937 he was promoted to the executive office and has been successively executive engineer, assistant to the vice president, and (in December 1941) assistant vice president.

One of Mr. Nagler's first official duties was to announce a series of promotions in the Operating Division. The position of executive engineer was reestablished as of July 1 and J. J. Novy was appointed to fill that position, reporting to the vice president in charge of operation.

Martin I. Mix was appointed operating engineer succeeding Mr. Novy, to assist the chief operating engineer in the administration of the Operating Division.

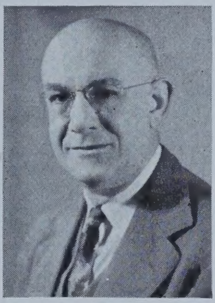
J. B. Craven, as chief operating engineer, will act in place of the vice president in charge of operation in case of his absence.

Ernest G. Campbell was appointed general superintendent of distribution to succeed Mr. Mix.

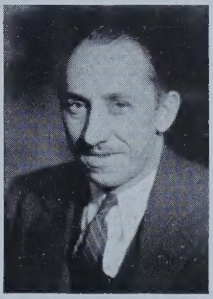
Elmer F. Schuldt became assistant general superintendent of distribution, to succeed Mr. Campbell.

Peter G. Bruck was named superintendent of Central District Shop to take the place of Mr. Schuldt.

J. J. Novy


M. I. Mix

E. G. Campbell


E. F. Schuldt

P. G. Bruck

J. H. Heil

John H. Heil was transferred from assistant superintendent of the Meter Repair Shop in charge of the Tool Repair, Appliance Repair, and Delivery group to the more active field of assistant superintendent of North District.

Employes Boost War Bond Purchases By $12,000 Per Month

Peoples Gas employes proved that they are out to do their share of axis-cracking when they increased their purchases of War Bonds to about $12,000 per month more than they bought during the month of May, 1943. This patriotic increase was precipitated largely by the Bond-Buying Drive conducted on a Company-wide basis under the auspices of Peoples Gas Post, The American Legion.

Almost 3,000 subscription cards were returned to authorize the increase in payroll deductions.

The total subscriptions of employes in the purchase of War Bonds amounts to 6.3 per cent of the entire payroll. Following the completion of a recent survey of employe Bond purchases through payroll deductions, Arthur Skelton, superintendent of the Accounting department, said: "We have not determined the percentage of employes now participating in the payroll deduction plan, but it has undoubtedly increased over the 90.5 per cent, which was the correct figure up to and including May 31."

J. C. Messer, J. J. Solon Head Methods & Routines

On June 15, James C. Messer became superintendent of the Methods and Routines department, succeeding Elmer Meyer, who left the Company as of that date. Prior to his new appointment, Mr. Messer was assistant superintendent of the department.

John J. Solon, formerly connected with the executive office of Vice President F. L. Griffith, was appointed assistant superintendent of the Methods and Routines department as of the same date.

J. J. Solon

J. C. Messer

200 Company Golfers Enjoy Spring Tournament

June 19 was one of those blistering, wind-driven days which bring blushes to the faces of the hardiest. But it didn't curtail the all-round good time had by almost two hundred Company golfers at the Spring Golf Tournament, held this year at St. Andrews.

Out on the fairways could be seen groups of golfers valiantly battling around the course—the wind sometimes driving their balls far from their destination. Occasionally you'd see a golfer deliberately hit his ball into a water hazard, so he could go wading and cool off a bit. The liquid refreshment stands on the course did bargain-day business. Everyone felt hot, happy, and hilarious.

In the club house could be heard groups of golfers comparing scores, giving play by play accounts of the game. Around 6:00 o'clock, the last of the tired crowd dragged in for dinner (which quickly revived them), the distribution of prizes, and dancing.

Top golfers June 19 were: Tom Allen, Chicago District Pipeline; Paul Schabes, South Shop; Milo Maione, Crawford; Lois Blotter, Domestic Sales; and Alice Root, General Accounting. Thirty-four golfers received War Stamps as prizes and Clyde DuVall, General Accounting, won the $25 Bond.

Employes Who Entered Military Service During June

Anthony, Samuel
Brewer, Walter C.
Button, Gilbert G.
Byers, Thomas J.
Calder, George I.
Caulfield, Peter J.
Crimmins, Philip
Dolan, John W. Jr.
Fanlon, James F.
Gallagher, William Jr.
Hickman, Gladys M.
Joyce, John J.
Kole, Robert A.
McDonough, Vincent
O'Brien, Richard M.
O'Connor, James F.
Shea, Arthur J.
Sheridan, Frank G.
Sullivan, Joseph J.
Varallo, Anthony J.
Welling, James A.
Zanich, Marion F.

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Captain Jerome Marciniak wish to thank the employes of the Company for their kind expressions of sympathy and the floral offerings tendered at the time of their recent sad bereavement.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO TAX Explained

Here Are Some Highlights on the New Income Tax Law, Now in Effect

By the time this issue of the NEWS is received by its readers, the first deductions from paychecks for the "pay-as-you-go" income tax system will have been made. The new income tax law became effective with pay periods beginning on July 1, 1943.

The provisions of the law are so extensive that it is impossible to completely explain them all in a short article. However, the following statements may answer some of the questions employes have in mind.

These statements apply to those whose income consists mainly of wages or salaries, and whose annual earnings are less than $20,000.

1—The law provides that the Company withhold 20 per cent of the employe's wages or salaries, in excess of the monthly exemptions of approximately $52.00 for a single person, $104.00 for a married person, and $13.00 for each dependent.

2—If a person's 1942 tax was $50.00 or less, the entire tax is forgiven; if the tax is between $50.00 and $66.67 then $50.00 is forgiven. If the tax is in excess of $66.67 then 75 per cent is forgiven, the 75 per cent applies to the 1942 or 1943 tax, whichever is the lesser.

3—The 5 per cent withholding tax has been consolidated with the 20 per cent tax as indicated above.

4—Tax payments made on March 15, and June 15, 1943—apply against the *1943* tax.

5—If the estimated 1943 income for a single person is in excess of $2,700 or $3,500 for a married person, then, on or before September 15, 1943 such a person must file a statement of estimated income, and tax due for 1943, after crediting payments of March 15, and June 15—and the amounts withheld. Then one-half of the remainder of the estimated tax due for 1943 should be paid on September 15, and the remainder of the tax must be paid on December 15, 1943.

6—On or before March 15, 1944 the final tax return must be filed, and any tax still due must be paid. If the tax has been overpaid, the Internal Revenue Department will adjust with the taxpayer.

7—Twenty-five per cent of the 1942 tax which is not forgiven will be due in 2 annual installments: 1st—March 15, 1944; 2nd—March 15, 1945.

GIRL METER READERS GET UNIFORMS

Two girls from the Customers Order department, Grace Whited, left, and Gertrude Hankermeyer, right, recently donned snappy, navy blue, man-tailored slack suits, and joined the ranks of meter readers. July 7 they began their new jobs, working with an experienced meter reader, observing and learning his technique of reading the various types of meters, warding off dogs, etc. After a few weeks they will be on their own. Thus, two more white collar girls take on a man's job for the duration.

V Letters FROM OUR MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

Cpl. Thomas McGough
890 Signal Company,
Robins Field, Ga.

It has taken me about two weeks to get back into the swing of Army life again. Those furloughs are a wonderful thing to GO on, but terrible to come back from.

We are getting weekly hikes (yesterday's was fifteen miles with a full pack) and obstacle course runs. Warm? Yes sir, it is getting awfully warm. If this keeps up we'll have to dress like the natives of New Guinea.

Thomas McGough, Treasury department serviceman.

From Arthur Gallagher
Somewhere in North Africa

HOPE this finds you and all the boys at Division Street well and happy. I'm getting along fine, and get a kick out of bickering with some Arab about the price of a souvenir. We are permitted to go to town at times, and we have a Red Cross Service Club here. Although it is not as large, it could be compared to the Service Men's Center in Chicago. They have everything from a barber shop to a music room. It's really appreciated, as you can do business with people who speak English. I know a few French words, but that's all I can say for them. I'm writing this by the light of a kerosene lamp, and the oil is running low, so to you all I send my best regards.

Lt. (J.g.) T. B. Petty:

As you can see, they've got me way out here in what the boys smugly refer to as the Souwespac. From there, start guessin' chum. We have it pretty good, though. We brought along a bit of beer for all hands, a bit of spirits for the officers, and a few cigars and candy for all, but these are highly expendable. We do have—and this should be for always—good chow and frequent movies.

Pvt. William J. Kelly
Somewhere in Africa

Here I am again, and this time it is an attempt at a general form letter. This is our first experiment with such, and hope you enjoy it.

Most of us pictured this country as a tropic jungleland. What we found was altogether unexpected . . . modern cities with fine buildings and fair sanitary conditions. The jungles may be in Africa, but they are certainly not right here.

The most amusing sight that first welcomed us to this country was the Arab with his quaint outfit. Some of the fellows report seeing some with barracks bags for pants. This was accomplished by cutting holes for legs and pulling the rope tight around the waist. Of course, as all the bags are stenciled with name and serial number, this information was said to show across the seat.

The Arab children are quite adept at learning American slang and cuss words. They go around the streets much the same as the kids back home, equipped with a shoe shine kit, and they generally say, "Shoe shine, Johnny!" "American polish."

Up to the present, our sleeping has been done in numerous queer places. We have slept everywhere from the cement floor of a grandstand, to pup tents, to a 40-8 car, to a roof top, and finally a barn which has been fixed up for our barracks. Next to the barracks runs a shed which we have named Ptomaine Terrace, as it is to be our mess hall. The fellows have worked hard on the place, and we have done everything but dig the well. We are now nearing the time when we can start doing the job which the Army picked us for.

15 BELOW TONIGHT

Hap Young, somewhere in the steaming jungles of New Guinea, gets a "late" flash on last winter's zero wave from a Chicago newspaper. Hap, formerly on the Company's photo staff, is taking pictures for the Army.

Helen Nowak, one of the Company's first WAVES, is seen strolling down the avenue with her brother, "down East."

Sgt. Wallace Wates
Somewhere Overseas

That song, "Don't get around much any more," sure applies to home, but not to the Service because we've been getting around plenty. Wish to say "hello" to all of you, and especially to the boys at Crawford Station. Sorry I can not give you any idea where I am stationed, you know orders. All my mail comes and goes air mail only. Keep the gas going until we return.

Lt. Charles L. Small
43rd Sq., Gowen Field,
Boise, Idaho

At long last, I have my own crew on one of those Flying Fortresses, and we're mighty eager to get across and get our two cents into the scrap. We're hoping it's in the shortest possible time.

Health
HOW TO KEEP IT

By DR. HAROLD STEINBERG

IN THE SUMMER, while working in the garden or walking in the country, the opportunity for contact with wild plant life and various trees and shrubs is a frequent one. Some of these plants, notably poison ivy, poison oak and sumac, the poison vine, and primrose produce an inflammation of the skin on direct contact. The rash may appear immediately, but usually is delayed for hours, and maybe days after the original contact. It appears principally on the exposed surfaces, especially the hands, forearms, face and neck, but not uncommonly affects the legs, feet, and the trunk. The rash consists of many closely packed vesicles or blebs which are accompanied by redness, swelling, and itching. It is usually acute in character, subsiding in a week, but may persist for as long as four weeks.

Poison ivy may be prevented by,

1. Avoiding exposure to this type of plant. This means familiarizing yourself with plant and leaf structure so that contact may be avoided.
2. If one must work in the neighborhood of poison ivy, wear long rubber gloves extending over long-sleeved shirts. The legs and upper portion of the neck should not be exposed.
3. Remove deposited plant material from the skin by washing as soon as possible with soap and water, and by scrubbing away from the unexposed parts, i.e., from elbows down, and then sponging with alcohol or naphtha. Then wash off thoroughly with cool water and dry gently.
4. Contaminated clothing should be washed with soap and water, or dry cleaned before worn again.

Once the rash appears, it is best that treatment is carried on under the guidance of a physician.

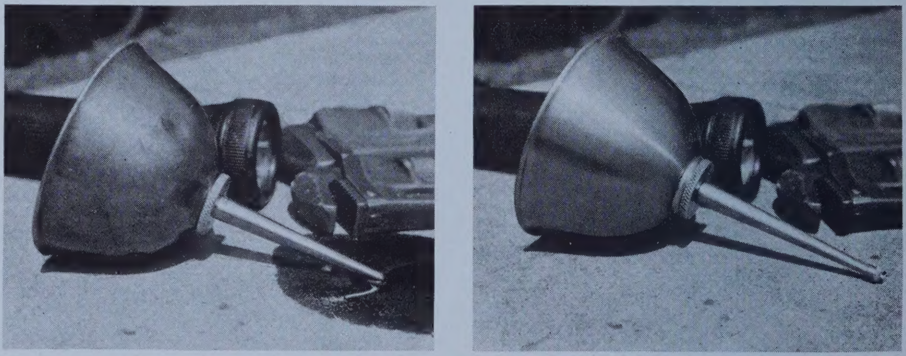
Customers Order Employes Lead With June Suggestions

CUSTOMERS ORDER DEPARTMENT took the lead for prize-winning ideas during the past month, when employes from the balcony drew cash through five suggestions. J. G. Sheehy topped the list with two $5 ideas. Other winners of five spots for constructive thinking in the department were: Harry Shanks, Robert Potthoff, and Robert McGann.

Next on the list, with four ideas, was Customer Accounting department. T. E. Dorgan's two ideas netted him a total of $15 for the month, while the recipients of $5 were George Annen, and Eva Wiles.

Two North District men collected awards. Albert Fant's idea took $10, while John Curran's was worth $5.

Other five dollar winners for the month were: N. W. Stuart, H. J. Kenitz, and W. G. Kelsey of the Customers department; M. E. Tonneman, and J. L. Jones of Crawford Station; J. A. Teister, Jr., and F. J. Klawitter of Central District; H. W. Ruppman (2), Stores department; L. A. Wolf of South District; R. C. Lavin, Refining Plant, Bernard Kearns, Domestic Sales; V. L. Johnson, Meter Reading; Thomas Cline, of Chicago District Pipeline; Helen Constabile, Purchasing; and W. E. Mester, Personnel.



These two pictures show a before and after scene, picturing the result of a suggestion. The author sent to the suggestion committee an idea for placing screw caps on the ends of oil cans, and earned $5 in spending cash.

Old Phonograph Records Needed By U. S. Soldiers

THOSE OLD PHONOGRAPH RECORDS which are cluttering up the attic, or collecting dust in the basement, can help cheer our fighting men behind the lines on the fighting fronts all over the world. Through Peoples Gas Post, The American Legion, which is sponsoring a record-collecting drive this month, employes can contribute to this worthwhile cause.

Last year the Legion conducted a similar drive, and was successful in distributing 7,755 kits of records containing 48 records per kit to the Armed Forces. There are now requests for 79,000 kits. The American Legion has been informed that this one method of entertainment is one of the best uplifts in morale for American fighting men. They seem to enjoy music from home more than anything else.

None of the areas behind the lines contain radios for entertainment, and the only entertainment many of them have are phonographs. If you have a large quantity of records, and would like to have them picked up, call Jesse E. Dowen, Peoples Gas Post Service officer, local 2200. If you have only a few, bring them to your Shop, Station, or office and they will be picked up there.

Retired from Service June 1, 1943

ERNEST T. ADELL Domestic Sales	8 years	11 months
EDWARD C. BERTELSEN Stores	27 years	11 months
WILLIAM COLEMAN 110th St. Station	15 years	5 months
HARRY H. HOFFMAN Auditing	38 years	3 months
JOHN SKOC Transportation	22 years	9 months
ESTHER SZABO Peoples Gas Bldg.	20 years	6 months

THE Women's Slant

BY MARTHA HOLMES, AND MARIE C. MEYERS

Picnic Pick-up

So you don't have enough gas for a vacation! Well, let's see what we can do about revising your recipe for summer living.

If you can't go where vacations are, bring them to you! Like air, there is no priority on planning—providing, of course, your planning is within the boundaries set by the present war emergency.

A picnic in your own backyard is one solution which saves travel, expense, time, energy, and trouble and still permits a rich variety of enjoyable, amusing, and health-building experiences. It helps keep the family together.

It may be a matter of preparing the food in the kitchen and serving in the out-of-doors on a cloth or a table set up for the occasion. In that case, a cool menu will hit the spot.

There are a few old standbys without which any picnic is incomplete. Deviled eggs and potato salad head the list in that category. There are also pickles and olives, radish roses and carrot sticks, the latter two originating perhaps in your own Victory garden. Other suggestions consist of cold chicken, an appetizing assortment of sandwiches (incidentally a good way of stretching meat), potato chips or the shoestring variety, and a large selection of fresh fruit.

There are many other tempting things to fit into the picnic mood. Cool beverages are a "must," spiced iced tea, chocolate milk, fruit ades of different types, iced coffee, and many others.

For those fortunate ones with an open grill on the lawn, a tasty dish of scrambled eggs, with diced bacon or ham mixed in, is a tempting alternate for the juicy steaks which once were tops in popularity on the outing list.

If points are available, sausages are fun to prepare, as are wieners to roast and serve between halved buns. This means a quantity of mustard, relish, and other condiments must be on hand.

Whether the picnic be on your own 40 x 60, along the expanse of Chicago's shoreline, or in one of the city's many parks it should be a restful respite from the regular day's routine.

Call the Home Service department, Wabash 6000, any time between 8:30 and 5:30 for our many picnic, light lunch, and summer menu suggestions. We're ready to serve you.

Can You Beet That?

A newcomer in the vegetable realm has just been developed in Holland and is now planted extensively there. It is said to be a cross between a carrot and a beet—looks like the former with the color of the latter and has three times the Vitamin C of its parents. This innovation is called the "Wobbie."

Lady Talk

Those stunning pearl choker style necklaces are back again in one, two, or three strands. Worn with a simple shantung suit or dress they are most effective, especially the combination strands of smoke and creamy white pearl. . . . For work in your Victory garden or for just "lazing" around, one of the new and popular bareback dresses would be cool to the nth degree and very engaging looking, too.

Adventure Movies

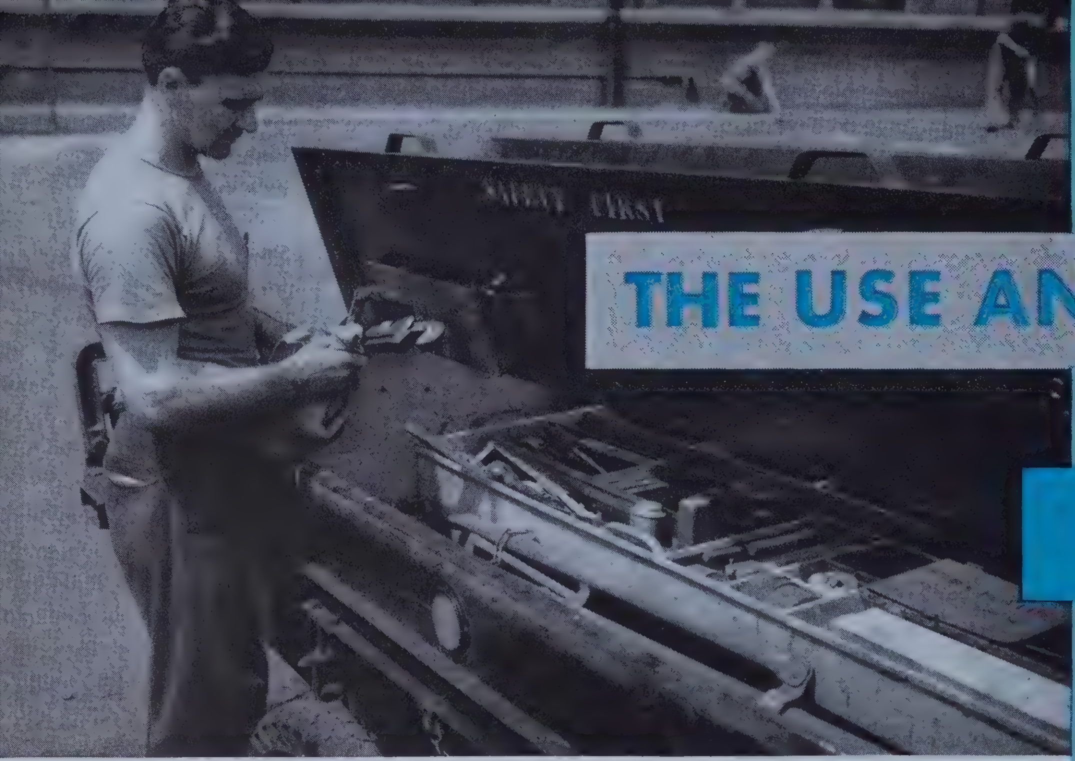
Here is something to put on your list of summer outing plans for your children. The James Nelson and Anna Louise Raymond Foundation announces a series of nine free motion picture programs for children, to be given in the James Simpson Theatre at the Field Museum of Natural History on Thursday mornings throughout July and August. There will be two presentations of each program, one beginning at 10:00 a.m., and one at 11:00. Children from Chicago and suburbs are invited. Two of the programs, those on July 15 and August 12, will feature personal appearances of the explorers who made the films, to give first-hand accounts of their adventures.

Make-up for Milady

Running a close second to liquid stockings, the outstanding new cosmetic of the season is said to be the cake make-up—a solid powder applied with a damp sponge.

Sew What?

Here is a smooth-looking, simple-lined style which you can "run up" in "nothing flat." Made of linen-textured spun rayon, and garnished with crisp white eyelet pique, its dark beauty is a refreshing change and a wise choice for your summer wardrobe.



THE USE AND CARE OF TOOLS

Above, Tony Micetic is cleaning a wrench after using and before storing in the barrow. All tools should be cleaned thoroughly after being used and when being placed in the barrow.

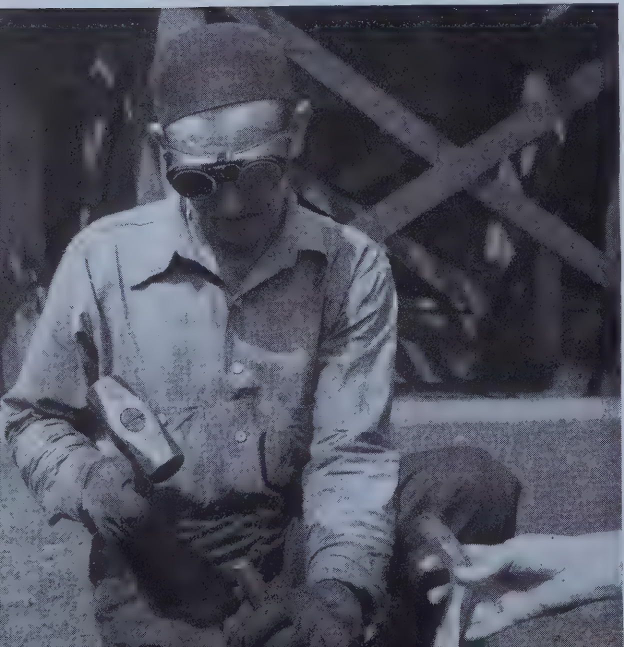
This article begins the first of a series dealing with the various phases of the Supervisors' Safety Contest in the Operating Division. The series will consist of an outline of the factors which will be considered in the selection of the winners, and show simple and graphic examples of good and bad safety performance for the guidance of the contestants.

LIKE Siamese twins, safety and the proper use of tools go hand in hand. For all practical purposes they are inseparable. It is not pure coincidence that the proper way and the economical way to do a certain job, with certain tools, is also the safest way. Anyone adept at mental gymnastics can turn the facts around and find, that just like proving a simple arithmetical problem, it comes out even. The safe way is the economical way; also the proper way, and vice versa.

Many tools used in the gas business have served a short term of usefulness after being applied to tasks for which they were never intended. For example, shovels were designed and constructed to be used for digging. Some people use them for crow bars, but they break easily under the abuse. At the breaking point they become unsafe, which fact brings us back to the beginning of this article: the proper way, the economical way, is also the safest way.

All tools which are made for heavy usage are subject to wear sooner or later. Even objects constructed of the toughest steel, such as chisels, drills, and cutting tools, occasionally require reconditioning treatment to keep them in working order. Most tools can be rejuvenated if turned in before they reach the "junk" stage.

Intelligent people know that if they



At left, Jack Neises shows a chisel prior to becoming mushroomed. Alongside is one which reveals the abuse that can be given to a chisel after continued use when becoming mushroomed and due to being hammered with too heavy a sledge.

Fred Wilcox demonstrates the misuse of a shovel by applying it as a pipe bar. The picture at right shows the use of the wrong type of tool, resulting in unnecessary damage, and possible injury to the user.

visit their doctor with an ailment before it enters the advanced stages of development, their chances of recovery are much greater than if they just "let it go." The same philosophy is true with tools. If they are sent to the tool repair section at the right time, before being too far worn, the repair operation is less expensive, and a better reconditioning job can be done.

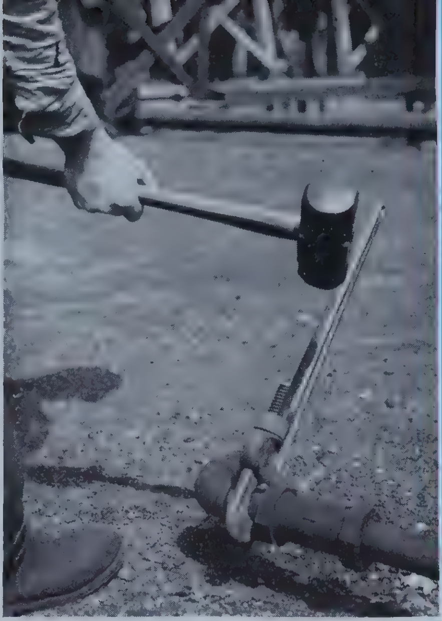
Five Factors Considered

The proper use and care of tools is one of several factors being considered by the judges in rating the supervisors who are competing in the Operating Division's Supervisors' Safety Contest. This one factor is divided into five separate groups as follows: 1, the proper tool for the job: 2, the proper use of the tool; 3, good housekeeping; 4, an adequate supply of tools on hand; and 5, defective tool procedure.

Any gas man's wife would chuckle audibly if she could observe the importance of housekeeping to her husband's work. Keeping tools clean, keeping them in order where they can be found when required, and checking after each day's work to observe whether the tool kit, 2-wheel barrow, or stockroom is in "ship shape" for the next day's work, are functions of real significance. Many a gas man has learned to his own ultimate advantage that good housekeeping on the job is a valuable safety medium, as well as a worthwhile time saver.

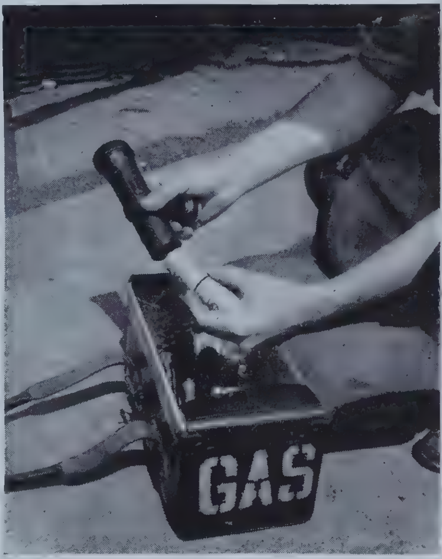
Twins of Safety

To summarize the points covered on these pages, it can be emphasized that every tool is made for a certain job, and it is safe to use it for that purpose if handled properly. The wrong use of a tool, giving it abuse, or using it for much heavier work than that for which it was intended, shortens the life of the implement, and creates a danger for the workman. Indeed, safety and the proper use of tools are the Siamese twins of the gas business. One can't go very far without the other.



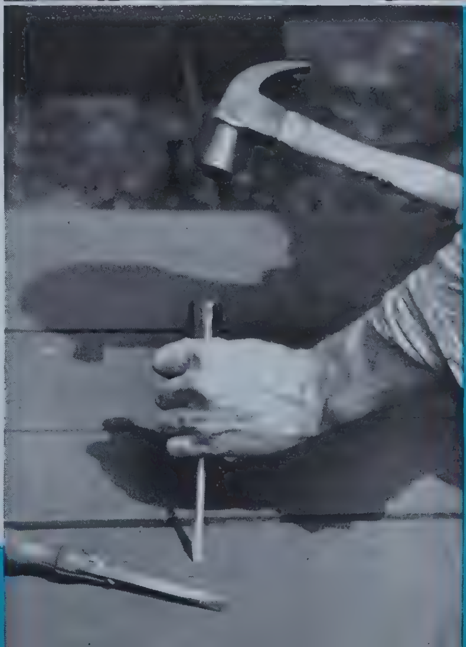
The photo above shows the misuse of a pipe wrench. The workman is using a 16-pound sledge to hammer the pipe, instead of using a larger wrench or getting the proper leverage by applying a pipe extension on the handle.

Jim Bogie, at right, points to the badly mushroomed concrete "gad" or chisel being held by Fred Wilcox. The tool top has flattened to the point where metal chips are likely to fly and strike the workman, and where the tool is dangerous to handle.



Batteries should be removed from the flashlight case each evening before storing it in the tool kit. Removal of the cells, as shown above, prevents spewage from the battery, which is a cause of internal corrosion in the case.

Complete heat treatment equipment in the Tool Repair Section hardens toolends that have been reshaped and repaired. A metal hardness test determines the ability of a spike or chisel to "stand up" under rigorous treatment Jim Bogie is shown above and at right, making a hardness test.



The wrong use of a tool is demonstrated in the picture at right, where a screw driver is doing the work intended for a chisel. A broken screwdriver is shown in the picture to show what happens to it when wrongly used.

Food Dehydration—A Wartime Expediency

For the past year and a half, our Home Service department has been conducting experiments on food dehydration, a process which the war has catapulted into importance. The Company's policy on this subject is that canning is still the best practical method of preserving fruits and vegetables, but dehydration is an alternate method if the proper equipment is not available for canning.

The Home Service department, backed by the University of Illinois, has taken the stand that a pressure cooker must be used in the canning of all non-acid vegetables. However, since many housewives, some of them canning for the first time this year, do not have this equipment, the Home Service department is prepared to give information on food dehydration, generally considered a safe way to carry over garden surplus.

Products Must Be Fresh

Dehydration, although tedious, is a simple process. As in all food preservation, the products used should be as fresh as possible. Ideally, they should be taken directly from the orchard or garden and immediately processed.

Suppose a housewife wished to dehydrate a crop of beets from her Victory garden. She would carefully wash them and then weigh them. Perhaps they weighed four pounds; the housewife would remember this, for she is going to store the dehydrated beets in meal-size portions.

The first step in the dehydration process is blanching the vegetables or fruit, preferably by steam, until they are almost tender. To accomplish this, our housewife places the beets in a colander and this in turn is placed in a tightly covered kettle which contains just a little water.

When the beets are almost tender, they are removed, peeled and sliced, and placed on drying racks which fit inside the oven. These racks are easily constructed, consisting simply of four pieces of wood, about two inches smaller than the width and length of the oven, over which a square of coarse mesh cloth is stretched.

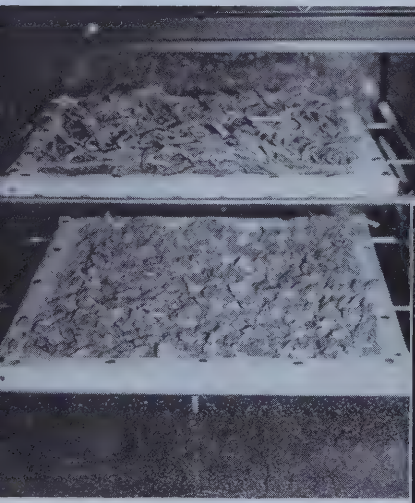
Drying Process is Slow

Now begins the drying process. The oven thermostat is set at the lowest point and the temperature during the entire drying process should never exceed 160 degrees. The oven door is left open so that a free circulation of air is maintained and evaporation of moisture is possible. It takes approximately seven hours to completely dehydrate four pounds or 64 oz. of beets. At the end of this time the beet slices should be brittle and shriveled, and will weigh about 10 oz. When refreshed, that is—when soaked and then cooked in water preparatory to serving, this amount will yield about 44 oz.

The housewife divides the dehydrated beets into portions sufficient for one meal. These are packed in laminated cellophane bags, such as the Army uses for K-rations, and then stored away in a dark, cool place in covered containers.

How will the housewife's family enjoy dehydrated foods? The U. S. Department of Agriculture says that dried foods are a type of food in themselves and should not be judged on the basis of flavor and texture of foods preserved by other methods. Vegetables with a high sugar content, such as beets, taste markedly sweeter. Greens, peas, green beans, and carrots are definitely changed in flavor. However, dehydrated foods are acceptable both in nutritive value and in palatability.

Certain authorities consider home dehydration of foods only as a last resort when other facilities for preserving food are not available. Others believe that the possibilities of dehydration are unlimited. Our Home Service department considers food dehydration a war expediency, and one which will have a place in American kitchens for the duration.



The picture at the left illustrates the drying procedure. Any housewife can make the racks shown by simply nailing together four pieces of wood and then stretching a square of coarse mesh cloth over the frame.

Below, Nellie Fredeen fills cellophane bags with dehydrated carrots. One spoonful is a meal-size portion for one person. Janet MacDonald seals the bags with a hot iron. They will be placed in a tin can, tightly covered, and stored in a cool, dark place.

Report Suspects to FBI And Avoid Rumor Spreading

This year more than ever before, Americans in all walks of life and in every profession — housewives, war workers, citizens in the Armed Forces, and civilians in private business—should consider themselves the eyes and ears for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, because a new class of Nazi saboteurs is soon to be "graduated" and loosed upon the world.

Unless Americans give this help, the FBI cannot guarantee to maintain its present remarkable record, which, according to a recent report of the bureau, has so far prevented any foreign-directed act of sabotage in this war.

This does not mean that the FBI wishes anything to be done which would embarrass or interfere with the millions of loyal Americans of foreign origin. As officials have stressed many times, some of the most intensely patriotic Americans are those who obtained their citizenship papers after they were full grown, for they, particularly, can appreciate the advantages of living in this country. For this reason, especially, industrial workers are urged to make any reports of suspicious persons or actions to the FBI and not tell their neighbors, thus avoiding the dangers of harmful rumor spreading.

The three men pictured above are busily complying with an avalanche of requests for tickets to the July 17 Gas Company picnic at Riverview. They are Michael Lambke, Gas Club president; Richard Cahill, vice-president, and Bernard Cooney, chairman of the Reception committee—all from the Customers department

American Incomes Are Bigger in 1943 —But So Are War Expenditures

The average American's income is a lot bigger than it was in the middle of 1940, but it isn't exactly the same kind of money.

In July, 1940, the month the "defense" program began, the average American—man, woman, or child—received about $47.92 in income. (The average wage earner, of course, got much more than that.) Military expenditures in that month amounted to something like a dollar and a half per person. America's business was the peacetime business of making refrigerators, automobiles, radios, and gadgets for Americans to buy.

War has made a great difference to the American purse. In April of this year, income per capita was $85.03 as compared to the $47.92 of July, 1940. War expenditures had pushed it up. If the average American had been called upon to pay April's war expenses on the spot, they would have come to $53.52 of his new $85.03 income, as compared with the dollar and a half for July, 1940.

Explanation of why the citizen did not have to pay on the spot is a complicated matter. But a simple fact is that those 53½ dollars spent for war, while they were getting to men's pockets in the form of wages and profits, were producing guns, planes, and tanks, and ammunition for them to shoot away in protection of our liberties—not new automobiles, new refrigerators, or even extra beefsteaks.

So the very force that pushed income up has altered its character. Temporarily, money represents wealth only in a limited sense.

Price boosts already have taken up a part, though by no means the major part, of the increase in income. The average American has nothing to gain by putting the rest of his extra income into rising prices. Under the circumstances the smartest things for him to do with it after buying what he needs to live are these:

Pay debts so he'll be out of the red when money is scarcer.

Pay taxes to settle for as much of the war now as he can.

Buy Bonds so he'll have money later.

32 Employes Compete in 1943 Ranney Cup Tourney

The thirty-two low gross scorers at the June 19 tournament are now competing in the 1943 Ranney Cup playoffs, the final of which will be played at the Fall Golf Tournament, August 21. Those competing are: Thomas Allen, Chicago District Pipeline; William Kasper, Customer Accounting; Frank Walsh, Credit and Collection; Wilton Brown, Calumet; Martin Walsh, Central District; Michael Weir, South District; Glenn Rose, South District; Daniel Collins, Service Dispatching; Milo Maione, Crawford; William Light, Industrial Sales; Maurice Edgeworth, Customer Order; Andrew White, Peoples Gas Building; Martin Walsh, General Accounting; Joseph Nardielle, Central District; Bernard Stogentine, Chicago District Pipeline; Raymond Warne, Service Dispatching; Paul Schabes, South District; Vic Collins, Peoples Gas Building; Michael Lambke, Customers; Anthony Mulcrone, North District; Albert Ramthun, North District; Albert Haake, Customers Accounting; Wesley Richmond, Peoples Gas Building; Robert Burreson, North District; Joseph Schwarz, North District; Joseph Herrmann, Personnel; Paul Coons, South District; James Whammond, Industrial Sales; George Kusch, Customer Accounting; John Havelik, Customer Accounting; Harry Reimer, Engineering; and Eugene Wood, Chicago By Products.

Service Anniversaries

40 YEARS

Clark, Norman, Domestic Sales

35 YEARS

Graham, William, Credit & Collection
Balcerak, William, North Station

30 YEARS

Williams, Emma E., Telephone Exch.
Jasiunas, Stanley, Gas Building
Stewart, Nicholas W., Customers
Weiss, Joseph H., Industrial Sales
Paulsen, Anton, Central District

25 YEARS

Etzkorn, Rita A., Treasury-Receiving
MacDonald, Norman, Customers
Gorman, John J., Meter Shop
Hogan, Thomas J., Customers Order
Lange, Adele, Customer Acc'tg
Ivetic, Ivan, Central District
Harmke, Elsie, Statistical
Gnaedinger, Helen, Customer Acc'tg

LIBRARY NOTES

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

The first volume of the revised Gas Chemists' Handbook which is to be published in separate chapters is now available. It is the Gas Chemists' Book of Standards for Light Oils and Light Oil Products, by V. J. Altieri, chief chemist, Eastern Gas and Fuel Associates, Everett, Massachusetts.

The new complete handbook has been designed to assist gas chemists and engineers meet government standards, conserve materials, reduce costs, simplify work, and speed up procurement of men and materials for the war effort. It meets the long felt need for an up-to-the-minute guide containing the latest engineering developments and information on benzine, toluene, xylenes, solvent naphthas, and other light oil products.

The tremendous task of revising and compiling the information in this volume, and the volumes to follow, is under the guidance of the A.G.A. Technical Committee of which E. J. Sweeney is chairman.

Under the editorial direction of W. A. Paton, the Accountants' Handbook has been improved upon and revised and now appears in its third edition. This edition brings the Handbook abreast of the changes and developments in the field of accounting in the past ten years, and incorporates improvements and refinements that have been indicated by experience in the hands of thousands of individuals and business and professional organizations.

The Handbook of Industrial Relations, edited by J. C. Aspley and E. Whitmore, is a handy reference book in which the authors have endeavored to gather together the views, the tested methods, the experience, and the practices of companies which have been successful in building sound relationships with their employes. The only test which they have used in selecting material for this Handbook has been: "Will it help to promote better human relationships in business and industry?"

HONOR ROLL
CUSTOMER ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

Employes of the Bookkeeping Section gathered late in June to witness the dedication of their new departmental Service plaque, shown above. The committee originating the idea, as pictured, left to right, consists of: Ollie Nona, Elmer Filek, Evelyn Witt, May Prinderville, Edward Frick, Marion Hoeltzer, and Charles Schmalholz.

I-A Construction Men Urged to Join Engineers

Skilled mechanics, construction men, and technicians whose draft classification is 1-A, or men who feel that they will be inducted shortly into the Army, may go to the U.S. Engineer office, Merchandise Mart, and enlist with the Corps of Engineers. The next step for the new recruit is to see his draft board and sign a volunteer induction slip.

By this method, the embryo soldier goes through the regular induction of his draft board, but he is armed with important letters and documents which the engineers give him. These letters assure him that he will be in the Engineers and no other part of the Service.

It is not the purpose of the Corps of Engineers to take men out of defense jobs. This appeal is mainly directed to men about to be inducted under Selective Service.

Gas Ads

For Rent: Six room cottage, in private sub-division, Delavan Lake, Wisconsin. Gas, electricity, inside plumbing, heated. Close to lake. For additional information call Extension 2187.

Wanted: Photo-electric exposure meter, second hand or otherwise. Call Richard Theml, local 442.

You'll Want a Copy of The New Gas Range Book

A new and well-illustrated booklet, known as "The Gas Range Book," has recently been issued by the Company for use by gas customers to serve as an informational medium, telling them how to conserve their gas range and make it operate better. The booklet also contains numerous tips and hints that will help the housewife prepare better foods and save gas.

The Company's newest booklet was prepared jointly by the Service Dispatch Section, the Fitters' School, and the Advertising department after many weeks of planning and preparation. Customers are being notified of the booklet through the pages of the Gas Gazette, and insert pamphlets with the gas bills.

Branch offices of the Company and the main office will be distribution centers for the Gas Range Book. All customers and employes can have a copy for the asking. Employes of the Company are urged to obtain a copy at once, if they have not already done so, and study it thoroughly. By becoming familiar with its contents, employes will prepare themselves for any questions or discussions which might arise on the subject while visiting friends.

No Change in Standings of Eight-Ball Safety Contest

THE possessors of the five eight-ball trophies in the Company-wide Safety Contest remained on the desks of the superintendents who originally received them, during the whole month of June, indicating little appreciable change in the standings of the five groups.

In group 1, three departments held perfect safety records during the month, with no disability injuries or lost time accidents of any kind. Research and Testing, Chicago District Pipeline, and the Transportation department are the ones with unblemished records.

The super-scorer in Group 2 turned out to be 22nd Street Station, which chalked-up the only no-accident score of the group during the month.

Group 3, consisting of the three district shops, had a bit of rough sledding at the beginning of their campaign, but were in there swinging during the month of June. South District has had a stretch of 43 days without a lost time accident, Central has 107 days, while North District leads with 132 days of accident-free performance.

In group 4, Warehouse Building and Division St. Station are holding their own with perfect records.

Group 5 has no perfect records among its contestants, but Crawford Station established a record of its own by going for 50 days without a single accident—something that has never before been accomplished in the history of the plant. Meter Reading also kept its standards high during June by completing the month's work without a single lost time injury.

Employe Garden Show Scheduled for September

EMPLOYE VICTORY GARDENERS will have an opportunity to display their prize vegetables at a garden show to be held September 7, 8, and 9. A first, second, and third prize of War Stamps will be awarded for *each* type of vegetable entered.

The garden show was formerly scheduled for June, but postponed because of the weather. However, Victory gardens are thriving now, and William Schueler, garden chairman, expects a good exhibit at the fall show.

SOUTH DISTRICT
BLOOD DONORS

The names of South District's 175 blood donors form a cross on the plaque being hung in the District assembly room by John Schuldt, who originated the idea. The district is mighty proud of its record of blood donations.

GAS around the World

BY WILLIAM HELME

HELIUM FOR BLIMPS—Marking a tremendous increase in the output of vital helium for the Navy's anti-submarine blimps and other important war uses, the Bureau of Mines recently shipped the first carload of helium from its new and largest helium plant "somewhere in Texas" and announced that work is being rushed on four other similar plants to bring the production rate of this valuable gas for 1943 to about forty times that of pre-war days.

GAS STOVES TAKE WING—In the heart of the South is a stove company which has been in continuous operation since 1879. In late 1941, a visitor being shown through the plant would have seen a modern stove foundry in operation. A great variety of gas ranges, cooking stoves and heaters were being assembled and given a final inspection before shipment. The scene changes. The time is 1943. A visitor to the plant would be amazed at the transformation. Not a stove or range is in sight. Gone are the familiar scenes of stove molds and molders at work. Instead, busy war workers are concentrating on the production of aircraft parts and sub-assemblies. Men and women are working side by side in each shift applying their energy and skills with patriotic zeal to meet accelerating production schedules. The entire plant and personnel has literally taken wing and its products are now flying around the globe as a part of Uncle Sam's air fighting equipment.

NITROGEN WELL—Believed to be the first pure nitrogen natural gas well ever discovered in the United States, a producer has been brought in at a shallow depth in eastern Wyoming. In the course of drilling a water well on a ranch near the southern rim of the Powder River Basin, the bit penetrated a field containing a non-inflammable gas under considerable pressure at a depth of only 156 feet. The well was shut down for a check and testing. Because of the possible use of this remarkable well for war purposes, the field may have potentialities.

DEPARTMENTAL SECTION

Industrial Sales

BY WILLIAM HELME

A happy family welcomed Lottie Lange home after 18 months of medical care, resulting from an automobile accident. . . . Claude Larmer reports nice fishing in Northern Wisconsin. . . . "Barney" Marchialette's picture "The Old Mill" has been accepted by the Montreal Camera Club for exhibition in the Second International Salon Show. . . . Oscar Bowen, Jr., a member of the well-known See Bees, is somewhere in the South Pacific, his dad reports. . . . Congratulations to Bill Chapman, "D. W's" son, recently commissioned an ensign in the U. S. N. R. . . . Jim Whammond, Al Boehm, Bill Light, Don Johnson, Bud Zuse, Joe Weiss, and "Hop" Rehfeldt attended the Gas Club Tournament at St. Andrews. "Hop," as usual, walked away with the big money. . . . The Al Boehm domicile is featuring garden-fresh vegetable salads these sultry evenings. . . . Glad to hear that Harry Weeks is on the mend. "Hurry up and get well, Harry."

Auditing

BY ALBERT DRIGOT

Scores of proud friends gathered in the Recreation Room on June 30 to bid Harry Hoffman farewell from active service (see picture below). The gifts and expressions of best wishes he received were mere tokens of our real feelings toward this veteran of thirty-eight Gas Company seasons. Back in 1905, Harry started in the Bookkeeping Section, where old timers still remember the handsome ledgers he maintained with his artistic handwriting. After a short stretch in the old Stores Accounting department, Harry joined the Auditing department in 1919, where he has since remained. This gives him the longest service record with both the Company and the department of anyone in the Auditing department at present. Harry Hoffman has been an exemplary citizen; a credit to his Company and the community. One of the early settlers in Glenview, Illinois, his beautiful home and gardens reflect his devotion to family life and gracious living. With prize peonies, dahlias, irises, and others, Harry has won many contests and is synonymous with fine gardening to most Gas-Housers. Being quite the billiard expert, Bensinger habitues will miss his steady company and keen play. He looks forward to fishing and travel—when the war is over. So Harry, speaking in billiard terminology, how about another "high-run?"

Harry and Mrs. Hoffmann at ceremony receiving gift from Charles J. Hill as S. J. Barrett and their son Walter smile approval.

Crawford Station

BY A. G. CANAR

We have lost "Mother" Booker. On Sunday, June 20, Berdie G. Booker became Mrs. E. H. Heilbron of Chillicothe, Illinois. We are sorry to lose her wonderful personality at the plant but wish her every happiness. On June 17 at 12:30 p.m. all the boys gathered at the Machine Shop to say good-bye. Tom Mitchell officiated as Master of Ceremonies and presented her with a beautiful wristwatch on behalf of all of us, which she received with dignified grace and heartfelt thanks. Three large decorated cakes were brought forth and Berdie took particular delight in personally serving everyone present. It was a very appropriate send-off for "Mother" Booker who had mothered the boys for so many years. . . . Jim Hegarty and Anthony Varallo have answered Uncle Sam's call. . . . Vacations are in full swing: Messrs. Fitzgerald, Wood, Olson, Gorney, Donegan, Kristoff, Mauldin, Higgins, Gannon, Mularski, McDonagh, Solon, Weaber, Mitchell, Pasqua, and Wodniakonski are enjoying their's now. . . . Similarly to last year, a mother robin built a nest on one of the plant cars and reared her little family of three babies.

Meter Shop

BY G. D. BURNS

Eighteen employes of the Meter Shop visited the Red Cross as blood donors. Let's hope that the example of these men will inspire other employes of the department to contribute their blood to aid our wounded fighting men. Remember, the wounded can't wait. On June 9 the following were donors: Messrs. Gustafson, Klawitter, Haugh, Priebe, Mockler, Freund, Bogie, Jacobs, Thome, Hansen, Anderson, Neises, Lerro, Siemen, Schlau, Jaskulski, Busby, and Burns. . . . Hugo Gustafson is lending his aid to the war effort by spending his vacation on a farm near Beloit, Wisconsin. Gus is a pretty good farmer. . . . Our sympathy goes out to Pete Chidichimo whose son was reported killed in North Africa, and Max Fisher whose son is reported a prisoner of Japan. To these young men who have given their lives and freedom, we can only offer our deepest gratitude and prayers. . . . Joe Danisch, while on a few days leave from his duties as a soldier in Uncle Sam's Army, visited the boys at the shop. Joe is looking swell and says that he likes Army life very much. . . . Mail has been received from Sgt. Clem Kawalski of the USMC at San Diego where he spends his time training young men to be America's greatest fighters. Clem would like very much to get some mail from the fellows in the shop. Remember, fellows, if you don't write you're wrong, so stop in the office and we'll supply you with the addresses of any of the boys in Service that we have heard from. . . . Our old friend Charlie Mitchell visited the shop the other day. It sure was nice to see the old Hoosier again. . . . Messrs. Arnswald, Freund, Delmedico, Bessler, and Marinello were Bond salesmen during the American Legion drive. They increased the shop percentage quite a bit.

Credit and Collection

BY WALTER OHMACHT

A friendly hand of welcome is extended to Betty Meek, Evelyn Pinc, and Harriet Hesselberg, newcomers to this department. . . . Our own little Irene Lechner became the bride of George Sianta in a quiet wedding ceremony on June 19. The reception for relatives and friends was held at the Oak Park Arms Hotel. . . . Gil Button has been ordered to report on June 26 for Cross Country flight training at Rochester, Minnesota. This is another of the courses in the War Training Service Program which is preparing him as a flight instructor. . . . The cigars were on Dick McLamore as he announced the arrival of a 7½ lb. son, Michael Richard by name. Mrs. McLamore is the former Margaret Burke who, up to a few years ago, was a member of our department. Anyone doubting the ability of Ann McLeish as a singer should contact those who attended her recital at Kimball Hall on June 14. From all reports, it was a splendid performance. Congratulations, Ann! . . . Vacation time is at hand and our thoughts stray to far-off fishing streams, mountain resorts, and the like. However, with the travel situation as it is, we will probably stay close to home and enjoy old-fashioned family picnics. In case you may have forgotten, a picnic is an event where everybody brings olives and potato chips, and wonders why there isn't enough fried chicken.

Customers Order

BY CARL W. HAASE

The gang sends its hello to Frank Izzo, Thomas Vitacco, William Wimble, Gerald Mc Cauley, Robert Jones, Donald Blankinship, Walter Wallace, Raymond Bensen, and Elmer Laughlin. . . . Lincoln and Garfield Park Conservatories have nothing on us. Just take a stroll through the Meter Record and Completed files and view the young ladies with the posies in their hair. . . . Pat Edgeworth put the hex on Jesse Dowen at the recent golf outing, causing him to forget his pipe on several tees. Maurice Edgeworth won the foursome prize. . . . William Trahey spent his vacation with his parents at Tacome Park, Maryland. . . . Agnes Black is vacationing in the northern part of Wisconsin. . . . Joseph Sheehy is moody since his wife and family are vacationing out of the city for two months. . . . Congratulations are in order for Marge Winzer. She received a beautiful solitaire engagement ring from her heart throb, Frederick Ostenborf. . . . Edward Hansen, Jr., celebrated his first birthday, June 28. . . . Wishing a speedy recovery to Thomas Niagul and Grace Ripkey, who are convalescing. Hurry back, we are waiting for you. . . . We extend our deepest sympathy to Charles Styler and Carolyn Henrikson in the loss of their fathers. . . . Theme song for the month of June—"Run, little perspiration drop, run."

South Sales Section

BY WALTER CAHILL

Pictured here is Elmer Stamm, who is now on an island somewhere in the South Pacific with the See Bee's. Elmer met Art Kay's son Phillip in New Caledonia. . . . Jim Condon and Bill Williams, both See Bee's, ran into each other on Guadalcanal. . . . Roger Nichols was recently mentioned in a delayed dispatch to a Chicago afternoon newspaper. Roger, a medical aid man, met a former school chum in a slit trench in New Guinea when his patrol was being relieved. This friend credits the advice given by Roger with probably saving his life. . . . Mike Coyne has joined the Armed Forces. We wish him luck. . . . Recently promoted to Sgt., Reid Olson called on us when on leave from Memphis, Tennessee, to attend the funeral of his father, Barney Olson.

Elmer Stamm in full fighting regalia.

Engineering Department

BY JULIEN JORDAN

We extend our sincere sympathies to Arthur S. Larson, whose wife passed away on June 22. . . . The Engineering department and Drafting Section were represented at the Golf Tournament by Harry Reimer, Ed Malarkey, Ed Anderson, Wes Matthews, and Hank Giblin. All reported having a fine time. Harry qualified to play in competition for the Ranney Trophy. . . . Lt. Bert Alport recently announced the birth of a daughter, which calls for congratulations. On May 31 Susan Linda was born to Claire Alport. Bert was hoping for a Sailor but got a WAVE. . . . Congratulations are in order for Dave Lauzon, who became Grandpa twice in the same day. We wish that we had a movie showing Dave receiving the good news "sitting down." . . . We heard from Lt. (j.g.) Tom Petty, who is now some place in the Pacific area. We understand that Lt. (j.g) Cliff Older is also in this same section and suggest that you two keep a look out for each other. (Just a small place, you know.) . . . Joseph Morrison of the Drafting Section has a son, Joseph R. Morrison, who is a Sergeant in the Air Corps. He is rated as an expert machine gunner.

Coke Sales

BY MARGARET VAN NEST

Ensign John Cervenka, formerly stenographer in Coke Advertising, visited us on June 3, looking spic and span in brand new whites. He is attending Harvard University, training to become a procurement officer. . . . Ray Schmitt ended up at Camp McQuaide, California, in the Coast Artillery, learning to shoot big guns and giving the girls (so he says) a thrill. His letters vividly portray his new activities and provide us many laughs. Keep 'em coming, Private Schmitt, they're good for our morale. . . . Lt. William D. Shaffer (son of Herman Shaffer, our Credit Manager), with the Dental Corps at Camp Carson, Colorado, has been promoted to Captain. Nice going, Bill. Mr. Shaffer's other son, Jack, formerly in the Statistical department, took up his duties in the Navy, July 1. . . . A hearty welcome from the Coke Plant girls to Helen Walsh, returning to take over Private Jim Hegarty's duties, and our new "hello" girl, Ann Ryan, transferred from Main Office.

Fellow station superintendents gathered to bid farewell to John Dufresne, superintendent of North Station, who retired on June 1, after 39 years and seven months of service. In the photo are John Johnsen, 22nd St. Station, Mr. Dufresne, Walter Deveney, Crawford Station, and Doc Andrews, of North Station.

Tax and Property Accounting

BY DOROTHY TEUBER

The surprise event for the month of June was the marriage of William Fyffe. The wedding party presented a rare coincidence since Mr. Fyffe's son and daughter and the son and daughter of the bride were the attendants. Congratulations and best wishes to the bride and groom! . . . We were very glad to see Gen Cunningham and Marie Streit when they were home on furloughs. Gen is now stationed in San Francisco and Marie is at an air base in the South. . . . Property Accounting is very proud that it has furnished not only the first two girls from the Company to join the WAVES but now claims the first girl to enlist in the Marine Corps. She is none other than Clarissa Kelch. Congratulations and lots of luck, Clarissa! . . . Among the graduates at Northwestern University was August Baracani who received his diploma in Commerce. . . . A hearty welcome to Jean Gregory in Tax Administration.

Refining Plant

BY JOHN HENRY

The following are back on the job after vacationing in and around their immediate neighborhoods: Nick Wagner, Herb Oechsel, Joe Sartori, Carl Wingate, and John Holcomb. . . . Fred Morley has a strange habit of taking shower baths with his clothes on. For confirmation of this, ask Tom Deneen and Nick Wagner. . . . Junior McGrail is very regular in making reports on his progress in the Army. He's a Lab Technician, no less.

Key Punch Section

BY ROMA SCHWENKE

A big surprise was had by all when Buryl Merchant announced her marriage to Jerry Lytle on Saturday, May 29. Glassware was given to them for a wedding present, and with the gift goes many good wishes for a happy future. . . . Vacationing season is again in order. Winona Schumann went to Camp Arcadia, Michigan, to while away her happy hours, while Stella Paulssta, and Claire Peters took definite steps toward a future of wedded happiness. . . . Your scribe went to sunny California, and Helen Dingman went to Lake Geneva. . . . Our sincere sympathy goes to Rita Fergus on the loss of her mother. . . . Say girls, have you noticed Laverne Swigert's third finger on her left hand? It is now adorned with a beautiful engagement ring. Well, Laverne, have you set the date? . . . We have another bride this month in the person of Evelyn Larson. Evelyn made up her mind in a hurry and surprised herself as much as the rest of us. Congratulations, Mrs. Abbott.

Customers

BY RICHARD CAHILL

Most of the boys are spending their vacations in their Victory gardens. Bud Flanagan returned with glowing reports on the progress the corn is making in his window-box garden. Bud says he might not get corn, but the stalks keep the sun out of his living room and make it much cooler these hot days. . . . No doubt Denny Bell is busy cultivating the 500 onion sets he planted. Denny is looking forward to a lot of steak and onion dinners this winter. Be careful of eyestrain, Denny. Those steaks are hard to find. . . . Ray Wadman and Tim Ryan are dividing their time between painting and gardening. It's tough on these home owners. . . . Bob Limebeck and Bill Hill must have gardens out around South Chicago. . . . The picture above is Billy Cepek, the pride and joy of the Bill Cepek family. He's a fine looking lad and no doubt richly deserves the praise his dad gives him. . . . Our newest recruit, Pvt. Gene Sommer, wrote from Camp Grant and reported, "No enemy sighted yet."

Billy Cepek

Receipts

BY ROSEMARY CLYNE

The welcome mat is extended in great style this month. Our warmest welcome to Vivian Williams, back from vacationing in the cool Wisconsin woods. Our most sincere welcome to Lucy Coakley, former Messenger Service scribe, and to newcomers Florence Lynn, and Ivey Mems. . . . Uncle Sam, in the person of the Marines, has claimed another son of Frances Mogren. It's her seventeen-year-old son, Kenneth, who has already been inducted, but awaits call to report in San Diego. . . . Jean Schnell, too, has a patriotic air these days when the mailman brings those letters from Hubby Ensign William Schnell. . . . Anyone who mentions liquid stockings to Margaret Kavanaugh is liable to be forced to drink a bottle. Margaret is extremely sensitive about it since two unappreciative females asked to what tribe she belonged.

Methods and Routines

By JOSEPHINE SCHECKEL

A farewell dinner was held recently at the Illinois Athletic Club for Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Meyer. Present and former members of the Methods department, many with their wives, were in attendance, and despite the regret with which news of Mr. Meyer's resignation was heard, all were quick to wish him success in his new venture. The place won't seem the same without our old boss, but he couldn't have left us in abler hands—congratulations, J. C. Messer and J. J. Solon. . . . Jack Swan has accepted a position with the Army Ordnance Depot, causing cafeteria politicians of the Marching and Chowder to seek a new member. Applicants please see Harry Kaercher—he'll give you the dope. . . . Return of the native—Jack Burke, after seven months in the Army, is back in our midst. Welcome back, Sergeant, but please don't be too hard on us poor yardbirds.

Division Station

BY MATT KENNEDY

Our new Service plaque with the names of George Schueneman, Arthur Gallagher, and Ralph Gogola quite appropriately has the place of honor at Division. . . . An interesting letter from Art Gallagher describes Army life in North Africa. Incidentally, here's a message for George Schueneman and Ralph Gogola. The boys are wondering why they don't hear from you. . . . A hearty welcome to our new assistant superintendent, Charley Wege, and a fond farewell to Herman Larson, new superintendent of North Station. . . . Howard Anderson spent his vacation in the usual manner: a visit with his mother at Marianette, Wisconsin, and fishing with his former logging pals at Rhinelander. . . . Al Marshall is chasing fish up and down the creeks and lakes of the Forest Preserve while Bob Forman is Victory gardening and home decorating. Bob's genial personality is missed very much at Division since his transfer to the North Shore distributing station. . . . Judging from samples we have tasted, we nominate Herb Tittel a champion Victory gardener. . . . Harry Deinert is reported enjoying his vacation along the Great White Way, New York City, for the second consecutive year. . . . John Economos and yours truly spent vacations Victory gardening. No report was received of Dagwood St. Julien. . . . Farewell and good luck to Marion Zanich who received his call to the Army recently. A big hand-shake to welcome Jim O'Malley who is replacing him at Division.

Research and Testing

BY H. W. FREDERICK

The lovely young lady pictured here is Phyllis J. Stockhausen. She is the reason the General Laboratory is the center of attraction these days. Under the personal guidance of Frank P. Mueller, she is rapidly developing into a very good chemist. . . . Talk about demon shoppers — Hanko got a bargain in a slack suit except that it was too small for him. Anybody interested in a slack suit, size 6 years? . . . Gilbert VanSchaik, one of Ferguson's former employes, has been made a Captain. Nice going Gil, from buck private to Captain in 1½ years. He is also reported as being an expectant daddy. Double congrats. . . . We extend our sympathies to Vince Fortunato in the recent death of his sister. . . . Joe Misiak's son has just graduated from high school and will enter Illinois Institute of Technology in the fall. He will major in physics. Perhaps we will have another Misiak in the Lab in a few more years. . . . The Research and Testing Division Safety Plan was put into operation on June 15. This plan was drawn up by Messrs. Kleeberg, Crane, Witting, Keenan, Misiak, and Beckwith. The plan is very comprehensive and entails the cooperation of every one for its complete working efficiency—from top management to the regular employe. Let's all get behind this work and make the plan a success.

Phyllis Stockhausen

Statistical Department

BY ESTHER HAUPTFLEISCH

CAN'T IMAGINE why Ed Hatch was going around with a stiff neck for several days. Must have been the weather! . . . Had a visit from Mary Ellen Weiss, former Stix member and now an Ensign in the Waves. Mary Ellen's stationed at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, working under the Controlled Materials Plan of O.P.A. . . . A case of lobar pneumonia had Elmer Michaels in the Great Lakes Naval Hospital, but he writes that he's feeling fine and dandy. . . . Another new office member is Edith Wiedling, a University of Illinois graduate of '41. . . . With us for three weeks was Jack Bryson, a student from Beloit. However, the Navy had priority rights. . . . At Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indiana is Eddie Griffiths, who's getting a real taste of Army life. . . . And that leaves yours truly bound for California and home.

Correspondence

BY ESTHER FREDERICK

LOOKS LIKE BILL LYDON has been making the rounds out in California. We see him here with "Gabby Hayes," of cinema fame, and a buddy; he'll soon be giving a hand in actually pushing the axis off the map. Good luck to him wherever it may be. . . . We hear Dick Fredericksen is down Georgia way—wonder just what it is that attracts so many boys to Georgia, could it be the "peaches?" . . . Bill Fefes is acquiring a southern accent while he spends a little time in South Carolina, but we are looking forward to the day when we hear he has returned to California. . . . Anyone needing a soothing hand on a fevered brow—page nurse Ruth Sblewski, she's quite adept at soothing in a professional way. She can be found at St. Joseph's hospital any Sunday or Tuesday evening.

Photographic Department

BY MYRLE THATCHER

WITH VACATION SEASON close at hand, we welcome Cletus Parker from General Accounting who will "fill-in." He is with us on the "lend lease" basis. . . . Marine Al Walavich has reported for duty at the Still Photo School in Quantico, Virginia . . . and Cpl. William Clyne is in training at Gunnery School in Lyndall Field, Florida. We wish both the boys a lot of luck in their chosen fields. . . . Our department is sponsoring a new Black and White Printer machine. It is such an improvement over the old B. & W. printer that we are still trying to catch our breaths. . . . New fashions—Bob Hull is sporting a "butch" hair cut.

South District

BY JOHN SCHULDT

A RECENT NEWS ITEM reported that Robert Del Vecchio, former clerk in the South District office, has been awarded the Marine Efficiency Honor Badge at the San Diego Marine Corps Base. Bob was inducted into the Marine Corps on May 1. . . . Frank Gaffney dropped in while home from camp in Louisiana and Charlie Burke is being transferred to Washington, D. C. A letter from Jack Harris reports that he is enjoying his flying training in the Dakotas, and word from Eddie Barrett states that he is to receive a Master Sergeant's Rating. Frank Newman has been transferred to San Diego. . . . The shop Victory gardeners can be justly proud of their efforts. The entire garden, in the Station Yard at the shop, looks like one of those things one reads and dreams about. It won't be long now before all varieties of vegetables will be ready for the table. . . . 193 men have donated blood to the Red Cross to date. . . . South District doubled their percentage of contributions in the recent War Bond Drive.

Bill Lydon, formerly of Correspondence, is shown above hobnobbing with an old movie favorite, Gabby Hayes, somewhere on the west coast.

Archives Department

BY ROBERT FITZSIMMONS

FORTUNATE IN PICKING the first ideal summer weather for vacation time, Jim Maher enjoyed taking on a healthy tan. . . . Pvt. Gene Sullivan is now located in Colorado from where he writes an interesting letter praising Army life and telling us of his undying love for "Chicago Beautiful." Hope you get a chance to see us soon, Gene. . . . Word has come indirectly that Pvt. James Canty is on the prowl again. Bon adventure, Jim.

Stores—Warehouse

BY MARIE J. LEHMANN

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to John Barbino, whose mother passed away on June 25. . . . Dorothy LeTourneau, Marge Ecklund, Dick Bowen, and Pat Daly added their names to the long list of blood donors. . . . We were happy to receive a visit from Pvt. Chris Tebbens. Those morning exercises did a great deal for Chris—he grew about three inches. . . . We learned that Air Cadet Joe Caulfield passed his exams with flying colors, and attained first place in his class of ninety-six students. Congratulations, Joe. . . . We welcome Margaret Mary Coyne to our ranks. Hope you will enjoy being with us. . . . Ed Steinbach returned to the office after a week's vacation at Lake McCullom. We envy your perfect sun tan, Ed. . . . Bernard Young reports having a fine vacation. . . . Uncle Sam has invited Millard J. Keller to join him on his world-wide tour. He had his bag and baggage ready July 5. Good luck, Millard.

Service Dispatching

BY GEORGE T. KAZUNAS

CONGRATULATIONS: To Karl B. Nagler on his election as Vice-President of the operating division. . . . VACATIONS: Ray Schmitz was a farmer with hayseed in his hair down Indiana way, while Harry Burns sojourned at Delavan after both Misses Burns underwent tonsillectomies. Ray Warne was off to a good start as Starter at the Golf Tournament. . . . ARRIVAL: To Mr. and Mrs. John Sweetman, a boy, "Bill" Daniel a 9 lb. 10 ounce scale-tipper. . . . DEPARTURES: "Vi" Mattes of Customers Order left our Company for other work. Her charming photographs enhance the pages of the Customer Servel Booklet. Incidentally, our own Larry O'Connor's "graceful" hands may be seen in this same booklet. . . . MILITARY VISITORS: Lt. Stanley Ralph, Lt. Charles Burke, Sgt. Tom Size, Cpl. Adolph Egli, Pvt. Charles Kelly, and SeeBee Fred Murphy, and gang. Fred saw service in the Aleutians and received much newspaper and radio publicity.

General Accounting

BY PETER GILLIGAN

WOE TO ANY "ONE-EYED" CONNELLY who tries to crash the gate which Lucylle Buxton, pictured here in her WAVES uniform, is guarding so determinedly. Since this photo was received, Lucylle, a former key punch operator, has completed her indoctrination course at Hunter's College, New York, exchanged her ominous looking club for mechanics tools, and is now in the throes of learning the whys and wherefores of motors at the Naval Air Training Center, Norman, Oklahoma. . . . Gas rationing holds no fears for Helen Sheehan of the Tabulating section. Helen's bought a bicycle—a two-wheeler, no less—and promises to pedal down to work some sunny a.m., when she masters the technique of turning corners. Meanwhile she careens down the northwest side streets, keeping pedestrians on the alert. . . . Ken Love, formerly of the Tabulating section, and now a First Class Specialist in the Navy, visited the department recently while enjoying a leave. Ken is stationed at Cleveland, Ohio, where he and another former Tabulating section member, John Derrig, are keeping the sailors happy by getting the checks out on time.

Lucylle Buxton gets a taste of guard duty.

Meter Reading

BY STEPHEN FORAN

THE METER READING DEPARTMENT is now the roosting place of many former district and Meter Shop men. To a man, the streamlining effect has been most becoming! . . . Hilarious sight: Moe, the meter reader, working a "strictly residential" neighborhood and dying for a "coffee-and," mournfully regarding the paper doughnut hanging from his lapel on that tag day. . . . We don't know where supervisor John De Mol gained his experience as a tailor, but he sure has an expert's eye when it comes to selecting the correct fit for the fellows. To John goes the credit for the Beau Brommel appearance of our men in uniform. . . . Andy Roback believes in the early-to-bed-adage. Jump into bed about ten and out about six to feel your best, says Andy. . . . Another Fanlon has received his "greetings" from Uncle Sam. This time it's Jim. Brother Tom has been in the Service for some time. If these two Irishers ever get teamed up, let the enemy beware! . . . A BLESSED EVENT: Jimmy Renold Ublasi, seven pounds two ounces. Mother and youngster doing fine. . . . We want our new girls, Misses Conway, Clark, and Hoberg, to feel at home. We also welcome our new boys, Laurence Hollatz, William Anderson, Richard Holdt, Herbert Aarlie, Ronald Cronwell, John Apple, Jr., Edward Wassman, Harry Nelson, John Morgan, and Clement Hohmeier. . . . Letters have been received from Messrs Rossi, Harrison, Adams, Scotello, and Sullivan. . . . The employes of the department express their deepest sympathy to Peter Angelo, in the death of his father, and to William Lynch, whose mother passed away.

Calumet Station

BY WILTON BROWN

INTRODUCING "THE CALUMET NEWS." Our City Farmer, Carl Johnson, was the winner of a recent Victory garden contest and he is now the proud owner of a War Bond. . . . The gardens that are planted here at Calumet are really doing fine and we expect to see a vegetable stand pop up around here soon. . . . Chicago vacations are being enjoyed by Frank Kulesa, Stanley Grochowski, Charles Zofkie, Hero Kromminga, John Navins, Gus Fleischmann, Andrew Flynn, and Elmer Keuther. Elmer Keuther reports catching tons of fish, which is some fish story, but he didn't go on to tell that he is fishing with his brother who has big nets set out in the lake. . . . Charles Wege is the proud owner of a beautiful watch that was presented to him by his many friends here at Calumet. We wish you every success in your new position, Charlie. . . . The "Golfing Four" which includes Willie Kleefisch, Fran Waddick, John Marshall, and Art Johnson hereby issue a challenge to any other Station Foursome and expect the offers to come rolling in for some very interesting matches. Contact any of them here at Calumet Station for the most convenient time. . . . Our Blood Donor Roll is rapidly increasing and we are proud of the increase of Bond Deductions by 75% of our employes at the conclusion of the recent Bond Drive. . . . Our Sincere Congratulations to our New "Chief," Mr. Karl B. Nagler, and his many friends here wish him every success in his new position.

Central District

BY JOHN BALCOM

THE MONTH OF JUNE was a regular "open house month" for Central District. Three of our boys, who are now in Uncle Sam's Armed Forces, paid us a visit: Lt. Stanley Ralph, Sgt. Tom Size, and Pvt. Walter Sullivan. We all enjoyed your visit, fellows, and we hope that you will always remember that whenever you or any of the other boys now in the Armed Services are in Chicago, the "Welcome Mat" is always outside our door. . . . During the past month, we published a "Servicemen's News"; this paper was mailed out to all of our boys who are now in the Service, and so far the replies have been very favorable. . . . Another one of our boys, Peter Caulfield, received one of Uncle Sam's greeting cards during the past month. Lots of luck, Pete, and don't forget the address. . . . George Kennedy, Anthony Loftus, and John Canavan are at home because of illness. The boys all send their wishes for a speedy recovery and hope to see them back to work very shortly. . . . Orchids are in order this month to John Skoc, Transportation department, who retired after 23 years of faithful service. Congratulations, John, and we wish you many years of happiness during your retirement. . . . Central was well represented at the recent Gas Club Golf Tournament. Peter McGuigan and Martin Walsh won prizes of Defense Stamps, and yours truly and the other boys won a good case of sunburn. . . . Double congratulations are in order: one to our former superintendent, Elmer Schuldt, who was promoted to assistant general superintendent of Distribution; and one to Peter G. Bruck, who was promoted from assistant superintendent of North District to our new superintendent.

The above photo, taken during World War One, shows Clyde Traise in his R.A.F. uniform.

Bookkeeping

BY RITA CONLON

Phil Crimmins now answers the call to Reveille at Camp Grant. We sure will miss "Phil" for the fine work that he did as scribe for GAS NEWS. . . . Cpl. Technician Irma Stein took us by surprise the other day when she dropped in to see her friends while on a leave. . . . John Joyce has left us to join Uncle Sam's Forces. The best of luck to you, John. . . . Elise Mercer will spend her vacation in Washington visiting her son who is in the Navy. . . . While Carl H. Johnson gets in a fishing trip in Genoa, Wisconsin, Frieda Schlecht intends to spend her time in Holland, Michigan. . . . Ted Keane tells us he will be a "busy man" painting and decorating. . . . It is rumored that Fred Shermer has enough onions in his Victory garden to supply the whole department. . . . Ruth O'Connor and Evelyn Witt have recently celebrated birthdays. Many happy returns to both of you. . . . Incidentally, Bill Mock, what has happened to that trout you were to bring back to us? . . . On June 28, Mr. J. M. Herrmann, on behalf of the Company, presented to the Customer Accounting department a Service Plaque representing 46 male employes and 3 women employes who have answered the "Call to Arms." In the presence of Mr. F. L. Griffith and the entire department, Mr. G. I. Simpson accepted the plaque. . . . A speedy recovery is hoped for Rita Gallagher, Ruth Kestner, Stasia Dragash, and Walter Meng. . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to Tom Cullen in the loss of his mother.

Personnel

BY MARIAN BRYANT

In the picture shown herewith are Verena McCarville, Mary Sherman, Helen Nevins (hidden), Shirley Kaiser Pagels (holding lamp shade), Harriet Grund, and Marion Bona. They're admiring Shirley's wedding gift from the department—an attractive pair of boudoir lamps. . . . June 26 was Shirley's wedding day, but another Shirley made it doubly important! Miss Susan Bennett made her appearance as the daughter of Lt. and Mrs. Roland (Shirley Tenant) Bennett. . . . Bernice Gleason is on the sick list at this writing. She is improving slowly but surely. . . . Doris Tryon reports an enjoyable vacation spent around Chicago. . . . Seen at the recent Gas Club outing: Joseph Herrmann, Joseph Hoberg, Harry Foley, Ernie Beaumont, and Marian Bryant. Scores?—A military secret! . . . In another picture we see our newly engaged couple—Mary Lou Swigart and Ensign Walter Hanke. Congratulations!

Shirley Kaiser was admiring the lamps presented her as a wedding gift from her coworkers in the Personnel department, when the camera clicked.

Mary Lou Swigart and Ensign Walter Hanke

Tabulating Group

BY CATHERINE HEANEY

Helen A. Nowak, Sp. 3/c, now in Washington, D.C., is pictured on the Servicemen's page with her brother, who is overseas by this time. With a picture of our first WAVE we should like to mention our second—Gladys "Penny" Hickman who travelled home to Nebraska and then to New York to start training. . . . It's only the beginning for our Sailors, Walter Brewer and Tom Dorgan. . . . Good luck to Phil Crimmins, Nora's brother. And to Charlotte Cessna who was with us a short time and has now taken wing with her husband to Florida. . . . That must have been a great trip East for Lucille Cummings and Roberta Malloy. . . . 'Back home—welcome to Marilyn Boland. . . . Mabelle Bruzek has spectacles, if you please. . . . Poor Leo Kedziora: (these are his very words.) "I used my head and split it." It, of course, means the Unit he had on the Register Machine. . . . One of Pat Feehan's boys is serving in England. . . . Look for Pvt. Bill Kelly's picture and letter on Servicemen's page.

Messenger Section

BY FRANCES CONNOR

The Gas Company's welcome mat received a lot of wear from the Messenger Section last month. Patricia McCarthy, Louise Costa, Miryam Bayer, Phyllis Trossen, Norbert Schmaus, and Eugene Gamble are the new ones. In the Ante Room we now have Iva Mae Whitcomb and Frances Connor. . . . We were forced to bid adieu to Robert Siedell who joined the Naval Air Corps. Good flying, Squeegie! . . . Urban G. Stucker celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary with the Gas Company last month. . . . Illness took a heavy toll in our section. Mr. Stucker was ill, and Edith Neilson surprised everyone with an attack of appendicitis.

Treasury and Receiving

BY RUTH CARLSON

After quite a separation, Helen Mosak met her fiancé Ted Levand at the altar of the Drexel Park Presbyterian Church to tie that final knot. A lovely June bride, Helen is spending two weeks at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where Ted is stationed with the Army Air Corps. Best of luck from all of us, Helen and Ted! . . . Another radiant bride, Rita Fye, is pictured here with her Donald after their recent wedding (May 22). . . . Looks like that takes care of the department's marital status, so now for vacations: Eileen Nestor is showing off a gorgeous tan picked up in New Orleans. . . . George Blackman is beating the stuff out of his tennis balls on his Victory vacation. Ready to meet Budge yet, George? . . . Our blonde livewire, Muriel Keeley, is off to Denver, Colorado, where a certain Lieutenant in the Dental Corps is stationed. B. C. Bruzas is the name; right, Muriel? . . . Those flowers on Edna Ristau's desk every morning are from Herman Laude's overflowing garden. The way it sounds, Herman has to beat his way to the front door every night. . . . Glad to hear that Dorothy Donnelly of the Main Floor is back after her fall down the stairs.

Rita and Donald Fye as they looked on their wedding day.

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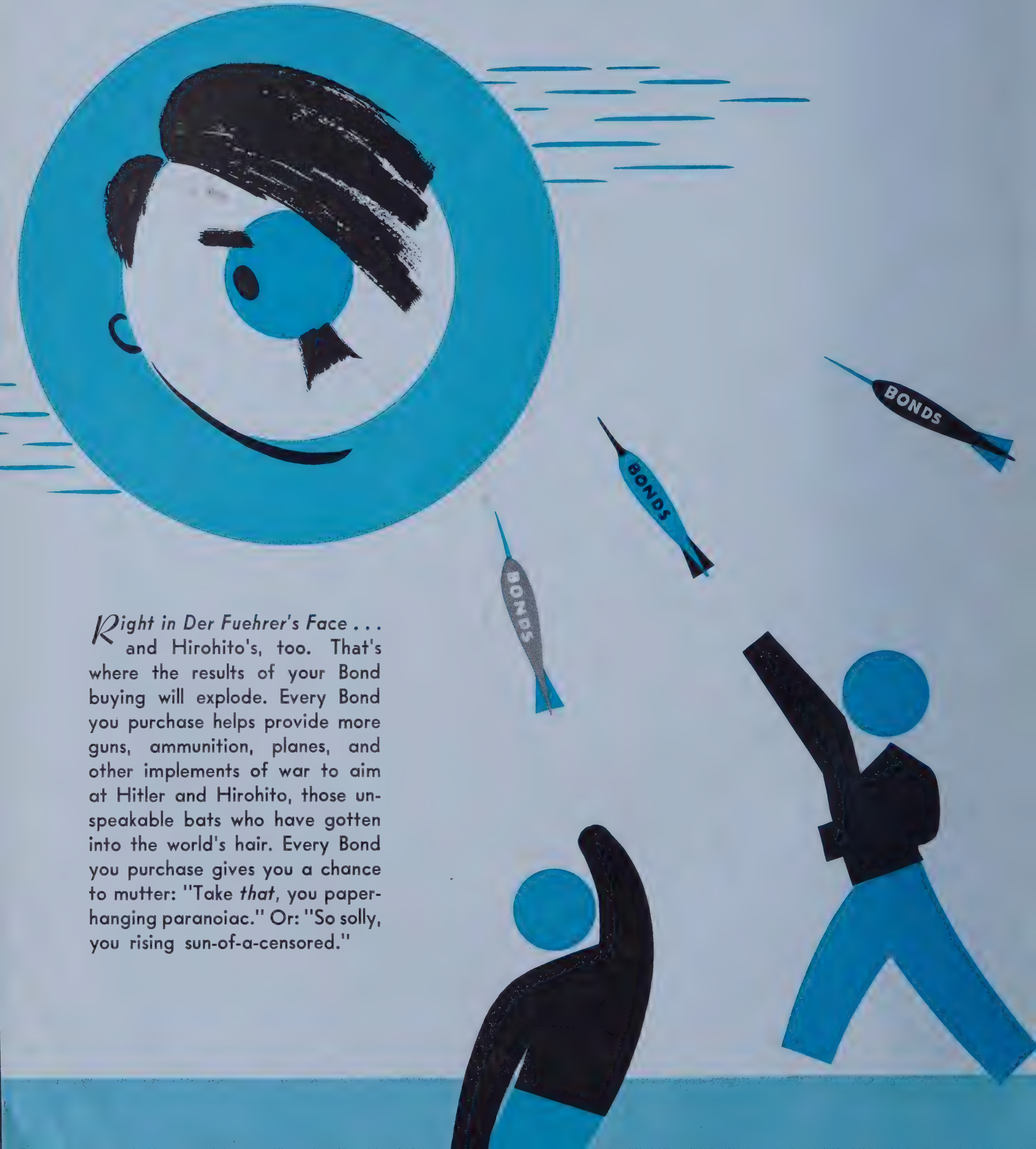

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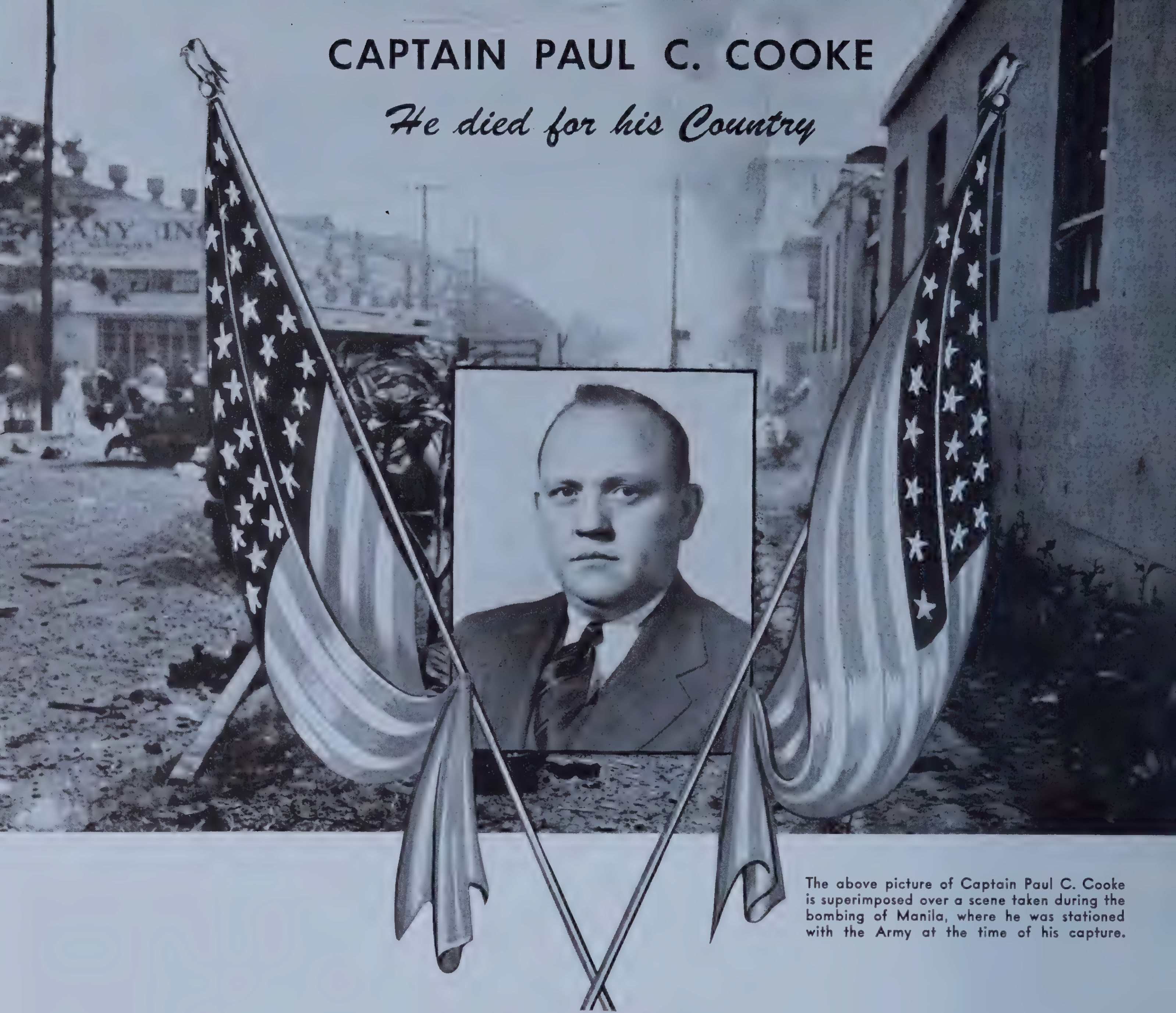
CAPTAIN PAUL C. COOKE

He died for his Country



The above picture of Captain Paul C. Cooke is superimposed over a scene taken during the bombing of Manila, where he was stationed with the Army at the time of his capture.

THERE is a gold star on the Peoples Gas Honor Roll, located on the main floor of the Gas Building. It is displayed prominently with the names of 744 men and women who have left the Company to serve their country. The star is in solemn commemoration of Captain Paul C. Cooke, the first war casualty of Peoples Gas, who died in a Japanese prison camp sometime during the month of June.

Except for the knowledge that he was captured while serving his country by the Japanese during the Bataan-Corregidor campaign, and was stationed in Manila when it fell to the enemy, very little was certain of his whereabouts or his condition up to the time his nearest relatives received the announcement of his death from the War Department.

Captain Cooke was a member of the Reserve Corps, and a junior methods and routines engineer when he left the Company to enter the Army on January 20, 1941. He had more than seventeen years of credited service with the Company at the time of the War Department's announcement of his death. He is survived by his widow and two children.

EVERY large business organization deals with three groups of people to whom it owes certain obligations: one is the public, its customers; the second are the employes who perform the duties necessary to its service; and the third are the stockholders, its owners, and the bondholders who own mortgages on its properties. The latter two groups, quite naturally, are interested in the Company's financial welfare. Following each financial quarter, after the regular issue of the Stockholders Bulletin, this magazine has presented a simplified financial statement for employe consumption. On page six of this issue is the one describing our financial operations during the second quarter of this year. Through it, the members of the Peoples Gas Family can learn a little more about the organization of which they are an integral part.

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THE baseball bats, pianos, magazines, chess sets, phonographs, and phonograph records now moving to the U. S. Navy's advance bases in the South Pacific will prove important as contributing factors to morale in the final assault against Japan, according to Lt. Commander Arthur T. Noren, USNR, just returned from a two-month inspection tour of recreation and welfare facilities in that area. That is probably where the records from the Peoples Gas collection will eventually land. The picture on page 12 shows a large part of the records collected by Peoples Gas Post.

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MILITARY MEN from Central District, located on the scattered fighting fronts, were not a little surprised to receive a mimeographed news letter known as Central District Servicemen's News. As far as plans were concerned, the sheet was spontaneous and lack of precedent makes it unhampered by convention. Like "Topsy," it just grew in the mind of John Balcom, the fellow whose versatility met the acid test as its first reporter, typist, editor, printer, and postmaster. The first edition contained news, quips, poems, jokes, and other assorted material too lengthy for use in the GAS NEWS departmental section. The Central District news sheet will appear every few months, and the District's Soldiers, Sailors and Marines will receive it with their copies of GAS NEWS.

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The Cover

From their North District Victory garden, Alfreda Zukowski and Lorraine Tyszko, Home Service representatives, pick a vitamin-packed basket of vegetables. "From garden to kitchen," is their motto, for they know that successful canning demands garden-fresh vegetables. For more canning information see pages 10 and 11. Photo by Beckwith.

Coming Events

Peoples Gas Club Fall Golf Tournament
White Pines
August 21

Gas Club Fruit and Vegetable Show
Main Floor—Peoples Gas Bldg.
September 7-8

Gas Post Record Drive
All During August
Call Local 2200

This Is The Army!

And They're Really Cooking with Gas

Pictured above is part of the large expanse of lawn surrounding the Army hospital. Here, from early morning until sunset, convalescent soldiers soak up plenty of sun and fresh air.

THE famous Chicago Beach Hotel, for half a century the stopping place of distinguished guests and the scene of elaborate balls and fashionable dinner parties, is now a station hospital serving the Chicago Schools of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, as well as Sixth Service Command personnel and men from other organizations who are in the city and in need of hospitalization.

Since October 1, 1942, when the Army took over the hotel, the transformation has been complete—and astounding. Working with their customary dispatch, Army personnel had the hotel ready on December 20 for its war-time role as a hospital.

Former guests at the hotel might be surprised to see that the elegantly furnished guest suites are now hospital wards, stripped of non-essential furniture and draperies and lined with Army hospital cots. They might be startled to find that the large ballroom is now a recreation room, carpeted and filled with couches and easy chairs. It might give them a jolt to see Army nurses and ward boys, instead of chamber-maids and bell-hops, scurrying about the corridors.

These are just a few of the changes effected by the transformation from hotel to hospital. However, this eleven-floor building still boasts its distinguished guests—for every soldier belongs in that category. It still has its dinner parties and social events. And . . . it has retained the friendly homelike atmosphere which made it one of Chicago's most popular hotels during the early nineteen hundreds, and is now making it one of the most unusual of U. S. Army hospitals.

Porch Converted to Kitchen

The first job which the Army had on its hands when it took over the hotel was to set up the kitchen. A long open porch which extended around the side of the hotel was closed in, providing ample room for the huge gas ranges, roasting ovens, large work tables, and the corps of civil service chefs and bakers necessary to whip together three square meals a day for 1100–1400 men. These white-capped chefs and bakers are really cooking with gas!

There are five Majestic ranges in the kitchen, a double roast oven, three large Savory toasters, and three large deep fat fryers. The morning this reporter went through the kitchen, the cooks were preparing huge roasts of beef, a large machine was whipping up pounds of potatoes, three mammoth caldrons of vegetable soup were simmering on one of the ranges, cole slaw was being made, huge quantities of

Above, one of the diet kitchens, equipped with a gas range and facilities for preparing special trays for patients.

Below, the battery of gas ranges in the main kitchen. The white-capped chefs are experts at preparing wonderful meals.

corn on the cob were ready for boiling, and the entire kitchen was permeated with a mouth-watering fragrance. Later, we had dinner in the Officers' Mess and could readily understand why our Army is known as the best fed group of fighting men in the world.

A dietitian is employed at the hospital to plan meals for those patients requiring special diets. Meals for hospital personnel are planned by the Hospital Mess Officer in conjunction with the chefs.

There are two large dining halls in the hospital — one for officers and nurses, the other for ambulatory patients. In both is posted a sign which reads, "Wasted Food Helps the Enemy. Here we say, 'Eat all you want—but—you must eat everything you let the cook put on your plate.'" That commentary is one which has a place in every American kitchen this war-year.

Hospital Has a Butcher Shop

In the basement of the hospital is a small sized butcher shop, well stocked, and manned by two Sergeants who were butchers in civilian life. In another room in the basement is a potato peeling machine which has reduced a well-known KP duty to merely de-eyeing the potatoes. Refrigerated storerooms are filled with quantities of fresh vegetables, watermelons, cantaloupe, milk, and butter. Other large storerooms are stocked with canned goods of all varieties, gallon jars of mayonnaise, sandwich spreads, relish, etc. One job of the Hospital Mess Officer is to keep a constant check on this supply of food to see that there is always an adequate amount on hand.

Operating Rooms On Third Floor

A tour of the upper floors of the building reveals the completeness of the transformation from hotel to hospital. Practically the entire north wing of the third floor is devoted to surgery. There are five operating rooms for major cases and four for minor surgery. There's a large pharmacy, X-ray rooms, laboratories of all kinds—and all of them equipped with the last word in hospital apparatus.

Professional services performed here, by a staff of sixty doctors, include general surgery, plastic surgery, neuropsychiatry, dermatology, physiotherapy, dentistry—even obstetrics, for the hospital also takes care of Army dependents.

On each side of the corridors are the patients' rooms and wards. And at either end of each floor is a trim diet kitchen, equipped with a modern gas range. Here special trays are prepared for bedridden patients.

Other features of the hospital are a barber shop, a splendid library with reading material for all tastes, an expanse of lawn with sun-bathing facilities, and the recreation room—scene of many amateur and U. S. O. shows.

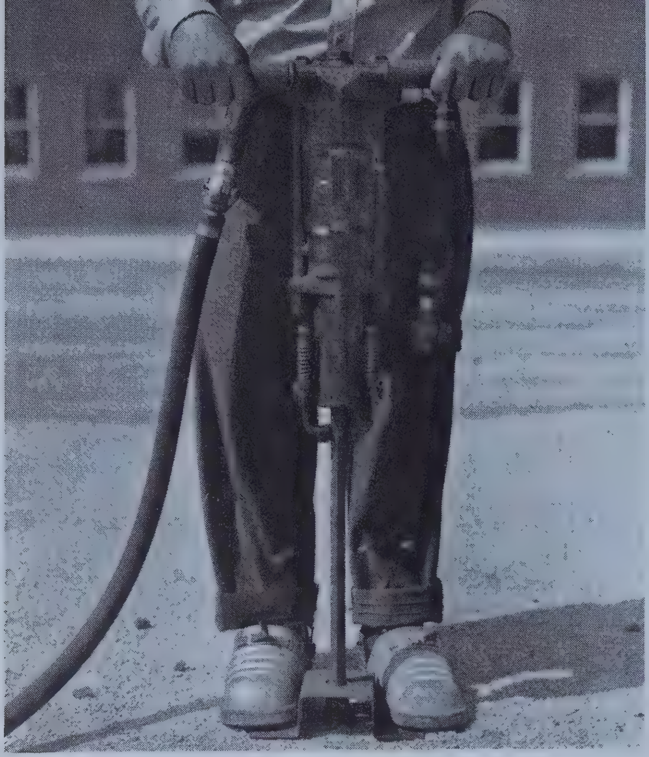
A visitor leaves the hospital with a warm glow in his heart, for it is apparent that everything possible is done to care for the boys, both from a health and a morale-building standpoint. They receive efficient medical care, wonderful gas-cooked meals, and the entertainment and recreation which go a long way in rehabilitating a soldier for active duty.

Above, a section of the hospital's butcher shop. Cutting up roasts and chops is nothing new for these two soldiers. They were butchers in civilian life, too.

Above, a typical hospital room, a typical Army nurse, and typical soldier patients. All the rooms are equipped with comfortable hospital beds, lounge chairs, and radio.

At the left, ambulatory patients are served cafeteria style. They carry metal trays which, on the day this picture was taken, were soon loaded with soup, roast beef, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, cole slaw, rolls and butter, milk, and peach ice cream. Good food plays an important role at the hospital.

Pictured at the right is the library, a large pleasant room, the favorite of many patients. Here, the boys can find reading material of all kinds—from the classics to the latest best seller. Contributions from organizations and individuals throughout Chicago keep these shelves well filled.



Like a bucking bronco, the air drill shown at left is likely to jump upon the unsuspecting toe of the workman with terrific force unless something is placed there to stop it. The steel channel brace keeps the vibrating drill in place, and the metal toe caps protect the foot against flying particles.

Not a lady from Mars, but a photographer's model displaying one of the many types of respirators. Air is inhaled and exhaled through the gauze covering, protecting the employe from harmful dust particles.

The Use of PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

The second of a series of articles dealing with the factors which contribute toward improved safety performance in the Company, as covered in the Operating Division Supervisors Safety Contest, now in progress.

DURING these modern times, people have a tendency to take many things for granted. For example: their freedom, transportation, the newspapers, or utility service, all of which are important to our everyday living. Often we are overconfident that accidents just won't happen to us—it never did before, why should it now? Some disregard safety protective equipment also, because many of these devices are NOT credited with the frequent cases whereby injuries were prevented through their use.

The horror of a severe injury reacts to impress an object lesson on employes, while the injury which "almost did, but did not quite happen," often escapes the attention of the worker, or is cast aside with the expression, "a miss is as good as a mile," or "that was a lucky break."

The subject of this article is regarded as so important to the Company that it was selected as one of the factors for rating the competing supervisors in the Operating Division Supervisors Safety Contest. The rating on this factor is based on five separate items: 1, goggles; 2, safety shoes and foot guards; 3, proper clothing; 4, respirators; and 5, mechanical and physical hazards.

Protective equipment is made available in our Company to prevent injury from such hazards as falling or flying objects; sharp, rough, or splintery objects; toxic and nuisance dusts, fumes, solids, vapors, and liquids; mists and gases; temperature extremes—either hot or cold; fire, explosion, rays, and electric shock, as well as caustic or corrosive chemicals. The overall purpose of supplying protective equipment to an employe is to protect him from the top of his head to the soles of his feet, and then to the tips of his fingers, not forgetting, of course, all intermediate parts.

The steel toe cap in the safety shoe is no more rigid or stiff under normal conditions than the ordinary fibre toe cap, but when protection is needed, the steel toe protects, the fibre one fails. The picture below illustrates how additional padding and insulation is provided in safety shoes. Our safety director's finger points to the layers of padding under the metal cap to give maximum comfort. Those who spend much time on their feet should also spend more time with their shoes, dry them carefully when wet, and use leather preservatives occasionally.

The personal protective equipment provided must give maximum possible protection. It must fit properly, but not restrict the body movement. It must withstand the rigors of sterilization, and be properly designed for the specific job. The subject is rather a broad one, and because of space limitations we are forced to restrict this article to the more important protective items, such as goggles, safety shoes, foot guards, and respirators.

The use of protective equipment can be likened to carrying an umbrella in a rainstorm. While all of us acknowledge the value of the covering under the circumstances, we often go without it. If American workmen would use the safety devices on their jobs in the same way that sensible people use the protective "umbrella," greater accident-prevention progress would result.

Goggles—The effectiveness of the safety goggle program depends upon the active cooperation of the supervisors and the workmen in wearing them when needed. Every broken goggle lens is mute evidence of their value to workers exposed to possible eye injury.

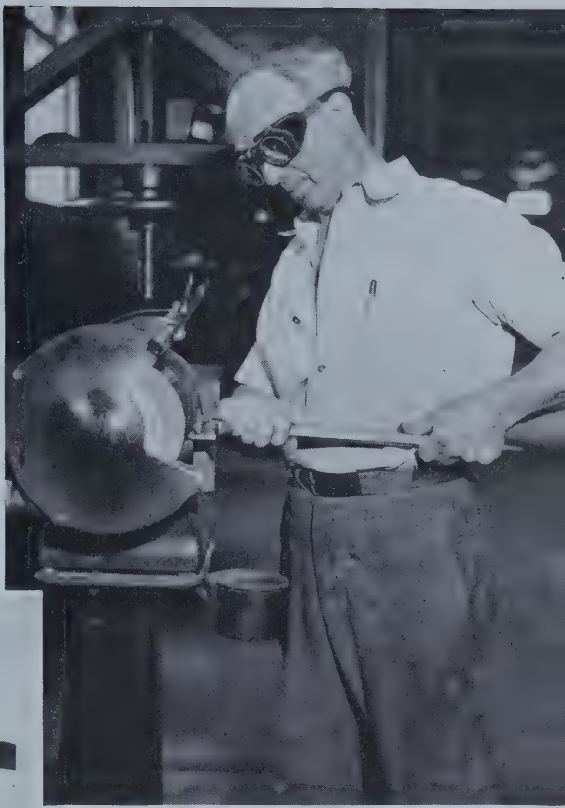
Safety shoes — Our Company's safety program consists of the mandatory wearing of a shoe with a metal toe cap by workers on jobs designated as hazardous to the feet. Well fitted safety shoes of good construction are no more uncomfortable than ordinary shoes. Foot guards are furnished for unusual foot hazards.

Proper clothing—Proper clothing for the worker depends upon work hazards and environmental factors. Loose clothing, rings, jewelry, and gloves are a hazard around moving machinery. Similar consideration should be given to hazards of other jobs and proper clothing should be selected to insure against possible accidental injuries.

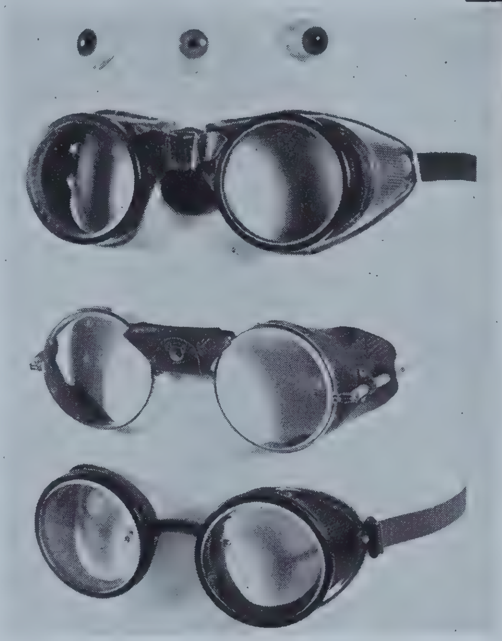
Respirators—Respirators are devices placed over the nose and mouth to make the air we breathe healthful and satisfactory. Respirators of the proper type, in good condition, and properly used, will protect the workman. A good slogan for using these devices would be, "let Superman stay in the comics," and let the workmen protect themselves with approved devices whenever hazards are present.

Mechanical and physical safeguarding—It has been said that a safe workman in an unsafe environment, or an unsafe workman in a safe environment may escape injury. But a safe workman in a safe environment is safe. The safe environment is the result of the maximum use of mechanical and physical safeguarding.

Our Company policy is to employ all reasonable and necessary safeguarding equipment. The wise employe and the safe employe will make use of these safeguards which are intended to protect his health and wellbeing.



Ben Taphorn, above, demonstrates the proper goggle protection for tool grinding operations.



In our Company, three types of goggles are generally used as protection from impact, dust, and splash. The "COVERGLASS" goggle, at the top of the left photo, fits over ordinary eye glasses, giving excellent protection even under severe exposure conditions, while the worker still has the optical correction of his own glasses on the job.

The "SPECTACLE" type goggle is so called because of its similarity to grandpa's "spec." It is fitted with hardened lenses, and is all dressed up with leather eye shields. It is used for normal exposures as this one is comfortable to wear.

The "CUP" type goggle, shown at the bottom of the group, resembles a pair of ordinary eyecups in that the cups conform to the contour of the face, fitting tightly. This goggle gives maximum protection and is recommended for general use or for more severe exposures.

These four North District men show the proper manner of wearing the three types of goggles recommended for use in the Company. They are: Mike Damato, Jasper Campise, Ben Taphorn, and Pat Gillespie.

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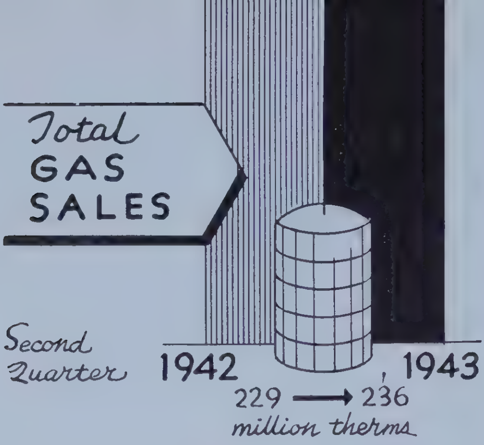

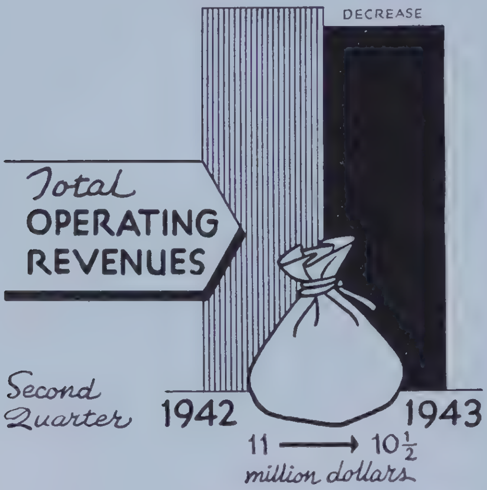

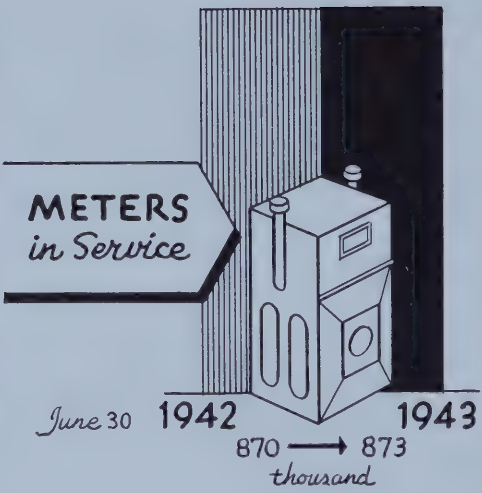

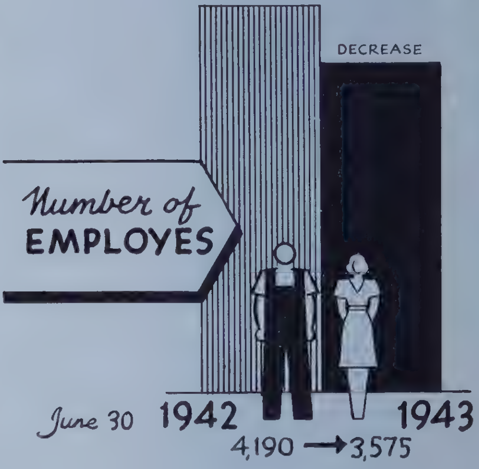

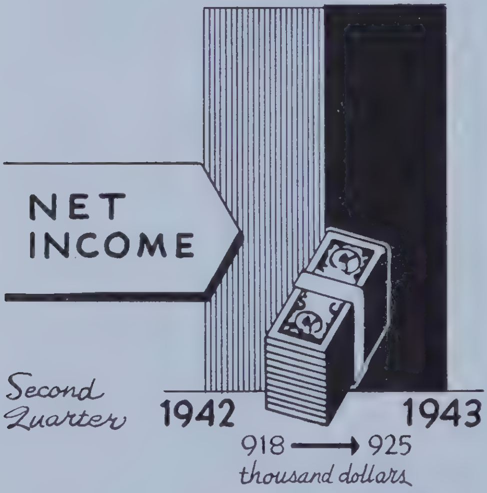

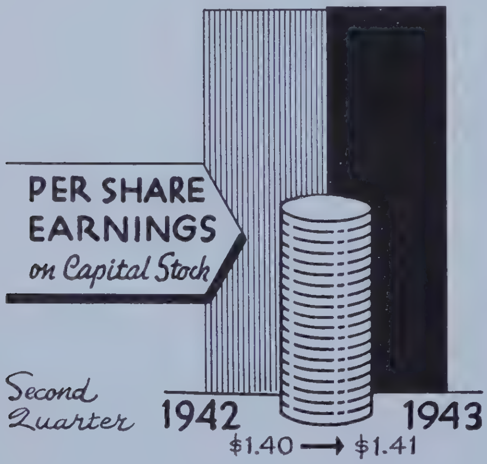

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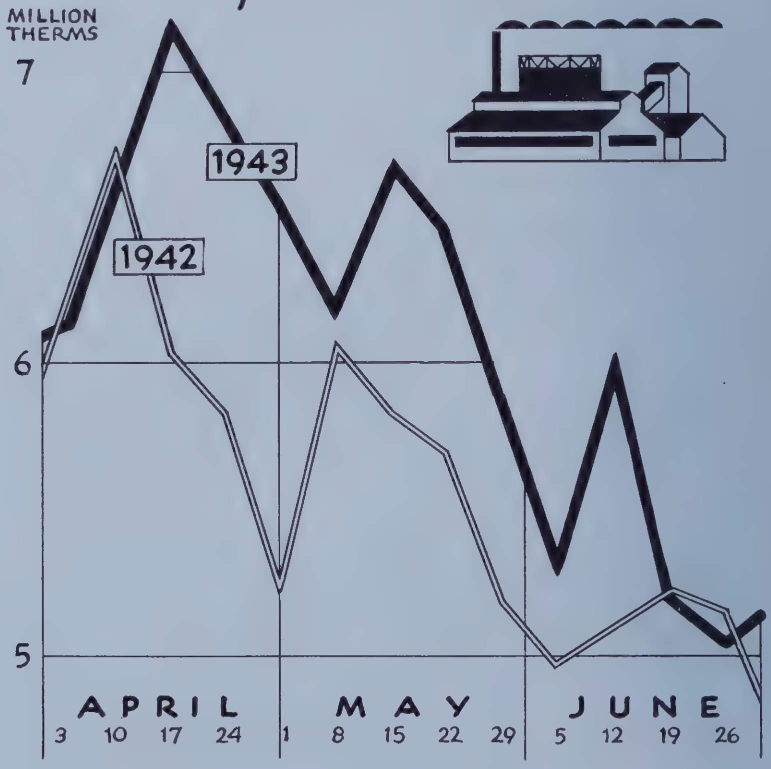


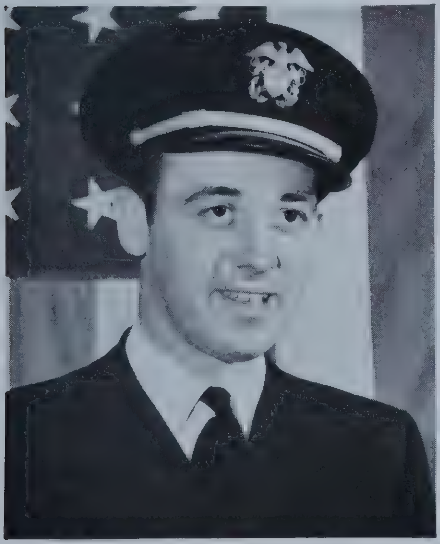
Letters FROM OUR MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

Lieutenant C. D. Older
U. S. Navy

When we came across we had a wonderful trip, making several stops of a week or so at some of those romantic places you read about in books, but never expect to visit. Nearly every place was considerably different from the last in climate, native costumes, and scenery. At our first stop we swam all day and bought coconuts, grass skirts, shell ornaments, breadfruit, and so on from the natives who came out in canoes to trade. A can of yeast (67¢) would get you more than a couple of dollars cash. At that particular place the girls also held a couple of hula dances for us. All the officers had to join in, a couple at a time. Sure was a work-out, believe me, but fun.

The ocean has been pretty smooth except for a few days at a time, at long intervals. Being responsible for a ship in these waters gets to be quite a strain at times. There are reefs, and reefs, and more reefs all around you most of the time, and not well charted. It is odd how five hundred miles seems quite a long way on land, but a thousand miles on water just seems a little jaunt.

I am a full Lieutenant now, but still captain of the same ship. The crew is a good one and some of the gunners are damn good shots. Mostly it is just hard work, and lots of it, with no shore leave and not enough sleep.



Ensign David Sloan, now located at an eastern port, stopped in at the Meter Repair to visit his former workmates when the above picture was taken.

Pvt. R. P. Schmitt
Camp McQuaid, Calif.

This is 36,748,105, sometimes known as "Hey you" or "Who do you think you are?" So every once in a while I drag out my voter's identification to prove to myself that the name is Schmitt. Remember?

Here I am in California, but before anyone thinks this is wonderful climate let me say right here that the tailor in this part of the state has more calls for sewing you into your long underwear than any other job he is capable of doing.

We arrived here two weeks ago after being moved so secretly that the engineer nudged me three times in one night to ask: "Hey, Bud, do you think we're going in the right direction?" Well, we got here and bang, I look like a Commando, so I say to myself, "Schmitt, you're an old goat and these are kids. They'll be easy on you." Next day I weigh exactly 247 lbs. No, the food didn't do it, the Supply Sergeant did. I still got the original 147 lbs. I brought along personally. I got a gun, 9 lbs.; pack, 47 lbs.; and daggers, water bottles, medicine chests, gas masks, etc., dangle from my side. When I walk I rattle so much that if I would pass a Sinclair Station I'd get "Marfaked." "Well," I said, "that's OK to dress that way and stand around." "Stand around," he says. Well, there is a place called the obstacle course, tougher than a paved street in Chicago, barbed wire fences, ladders, ropes, trenches, spiked trees. "Now you so and so's, run." Well, I'll make it short. The dagger stuck me four times, I bent the water bottle, and wound up with the chin strap on my helmet cutting off my head. I'm getting better though. Anyway, I made the damn thing and will say the broken bones were incurred by the kids.

Feed—plenty of it, only eat it very quick like and get going. No time to draw patterns on the tablecloths, and what a snatcher you get to be. I can take a patty of butter and cup of coffee from the guy next so fast that he'll turn to me and say, "I must be getting absent minded. I thought I took, etc." No kidding, it's a great life—for somebody else, not me.

As for myself, I'm getting a kick out of it, meet every type known, always something cooking, mostly your feet. At times you get blue but you get over it and so on. The basic training calls for 13 weeks if you live but rumor has it after 6 weeks the opportunity presents itself for various schools. I stand a chance for this and will dive at the chance.

Cpl. J. A. Danisch
376 Sqd.
309 Bomb Group,
C.A.A.B.—Columbia, S. C.

We in the Armed Forces still have our hearts at home with our loved ones and our business associates. It certainly pleases me to know that all the folks at home are thinking of us here or wherever we may go in the Service of our great country. I sincerely hope that we may all rejoice in reunion in the near future. With all you folks at home pulling for us, we will go on to a speedy Victory and a just peace.

Here's a good snap of Corporal and Mrs. Joseph A. Danisch. Joe is stationed with the Air Corps down in Columbia, South Carolina.

Pvt. Charles J. Librizzi
Hdq. & Hdq. Co. 2nd Armored Reg.
A.P.O. 259—Los Angeles, Cal.

I have been away from the Gas Company now for eight months, and have spent all of that time in Fort Riley, Kansas, learning to drive all Army tanks and what have you. Also a course in wheeled vehicle maintenance. Now I find myself out on the Mojave desert on maneuvers. This sure is a hot spot. I see a lot of pictures of some of my friends from Peoples Gas in GAS NEWS. Well, that's all for now; above is my new address.

The Wage Freeze and how it works

In the first few months of 1943 there was a "race within a race." First, there was the race for production. Second, there was the race to get skilled workmen; and this second race was gradually sapping the vitality of the first and more important race of war production.

With a limited number of skilled workmen to go 'round, it was found that nothing was gained by shifting the skilled workers hither and yon, because such shifts always left some equally vital industry crying for help.

Industry has other sources of manpower than the workers of the other fellow's plants. For instance, women can be trained—less skilled workmen may be trained for higher skilled jobs—older workers may be hired—"handicapped" workers may be used, etc. Of course, these latter means take time—but they are better than "robbing Peter to pay Paul."

To prevent a continuation of this widespread scramble for skilled workmen and a possible inflationary spiral of wages, the War Manpower Commission issued its "job freeze" order. This order, effective as of April 18 (the 168th anniversary of Paul Revere's Ride), affected hiring and wage practices throughout the nation, especially as they applied to essential activities. The order simply made it less attractive for workers in essential activities to transfer to other essential activities, since, except under certain conditions, such transfer could not be made at a higher rate of pay.

Since gas utilities are listed as essential activities, our entire program of employment is subject to these regulations. By the same token, all other essential employers must follow these same rules in hiring. For example:

1. An employe, who during the preceding 30 days was engaged by us, may transfer to another essential activity without a Statement of Availability, provided the transfer does not involve a higher wage rate or salary scale than that last received from us.
2. An employe, who during the preceding 30 days was engaged by us, may transfer to another essential activity at a higher wage rate and salary scale, provided he presents a Statement of Availability.
3. An employe, who during the preceding 30 days was engaged by us, may transfer to an unclassified (non-essential) activity without a Statement of Availability, provided he does not receive a higher wage rate and salary scale than that received from us.

Thus, except where a Statement of Availability can be presented, we cannot hire—and no other company may hire at a rate higher than that last earned. Likewise, on the issuance of Statements of Availability, we, and all other essential activities are restricted as to the circumstances under which they may be issued, as follows:

1. Only if an employe is laid off for a period of 7 or more days, or
2. Only if an employe is not actually working at his highest skill, or is not being employed full time, or
3. Only if an employe is discharged, or
4. Only if an employe has compelling personal reasons for wishing to change employment (reasons of health, transportation, and so forth).

These War Manpower regulations serve as a "brake" on what threatened to be a run-away race for skilled personnel. They foster the building of skilled workers from sources that have not previously been tapped—and thus, add to the total army fighting on the American production front. With that as the end result, it means a better job and a quicker job of the task we have before us—namely, WINNING THIS WAR.

Major Wimble Gets New Service Post In Louisiana

Major William F. Wimble, formerly of the Customers Order department, has been named camp special service officer at Camp Polk, Louisiana, it was announced recently by Colonel John K. Boles, camp commander.

Major Wimble

Major Wimble, a veteran of the A.E.F. during the last war, who served in the Army from 1915 to 1919, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant at Langes, France, ten days before the Armistice was signed. Following the war, in August, 1919, he returned to Peoples Gas, where his service record with the Company dates back to 1911.

Following the last war, Major Wimble joined the Illinois National Guard, and was again commissioned a Second Lieutenant in January, 1921. He was transferred to the 121st Infantry, and in 1923 was promoted to the rank of Captain, heading a machine gun company.

He entered active service in this war on March 5, 1941. Since then he has been camp special officer at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, and commander of Battalion No. 4 of the Army Administrative School, Louisiana State University, holding the latter post before going to Camp Polk.

Walter Brewer Heads Class At Great Lakes

Official U. S. Navy Photograph

Walter C. Brewer, formerly of the Accounting department, who joined the Navy in June of this year, has been named honor man of his company at the completion of the recruit training period at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Walter Brewer

Brewer, for the past 14 years an employe of the Company, is a graduate of Lane Technical High School, and is an outstanding amateur at fly casting, holding the state title for all-around bait and fly casting. He is a director of the Lincoln Park Casting Club.

The honor man left the training station on August 4, to spend a nine day leave with his parents, after which he will be assigned to duty either at a Navy Service School, or with the fleet.

THE Women's Slant

BY MARTHA HOLMES, AND MARIE C. MEYERS

Munch a Good Lunch

"A goofy lunch pulls your punch," a tricky slogan on one of a series of three new posters designed by Walt Disney for war plants, adds a lightness and yet an effectiveness to a vital problem—that of food.

In way of further explanation, whether you be a housewife, a war worker, a professional person, or a growing child, "a snack that has a lack" will eventually set you back.

It's unwise to rationalize, "Oh, well, the evening meal will compensate for anything I don't eat during the day." It has always taken a hearty breakfast to carry you through the forenoon, a substantial lunch to carry you through the afternoon, and a well-rounded dinner to build and repair the tissues of your body during the night. In the present war emergency these three well-balanced meals a day are even more imperative for health protection and energy to do your job what ere it may be.

Avoid a goofy lunch by choosing a good lunch at the cafeteria or lunch wagon or in the home.

If you are dependent upon a lunch box, be sure it is a substantial box lunch. A half-pint of milk, two sandwiches, at least, on whole wheat or enriched bread, a raw carrot or tomato and an orange, cookies or other dessert make a good one.

To prevent sandwiches getting limp and soggy in hot weather try wrapping the ingredients, such as lettuce, etc., separately in waxed paper and storing mayonnaise in a small jar with a tight cover so you can make them a la Dagwood when the hunger hour rolls around.

Salads of raw chopped vegetables or fruits can be kept nice in tight containers—a pleasant way to include something crispy and colorful, too.

Good hot weather beverages for packed lunches are cold milk, fruit juices, or tomato juice—and oh so healthful. If the vacuum bottle is rinsed in very cold water before the ice cold beverage is placed in the bottle, it will keep cold for hours.

Both cold and hot lunches need to be good lunches. For new and refreshing ideas concerning snacks to be eaten at home or to carry with you, the Company's Home Service department is ready to serve you. Call Wabash 6000 and ask for us.

Headlights

Jeweled berets and skull caps will twinkle on many heads come fall. Fashion designers predict that these perennial favorites will be better loved than ever with the addition of these sparkling jewels.

Paper Salvage

The shortage of waste paper has become so critical that the War Production Board recently announced a new salvage drive to collect all types, kinds, and descriptions of waste paper. This includes all brown colored paper, laundry wrapping paper, corrugated cardboard, old paper cartons, newspapers, magazines, wastebasket paper such as torn envelopes, old letters, etc. Here are only a few of the uses to which waste paper is being converted for the war effort: tubular cartons for shells; shipping boxes for ammunition; heavy paperboard bands for big aerial bombs, to increase dispersion of explosives, to pack medical supplies, clothing, and spare machine and tank parts; special waterproof boxes for food. (These are made so that they will float. They can be thrown into the water off-shore and then floated in on the tide.)

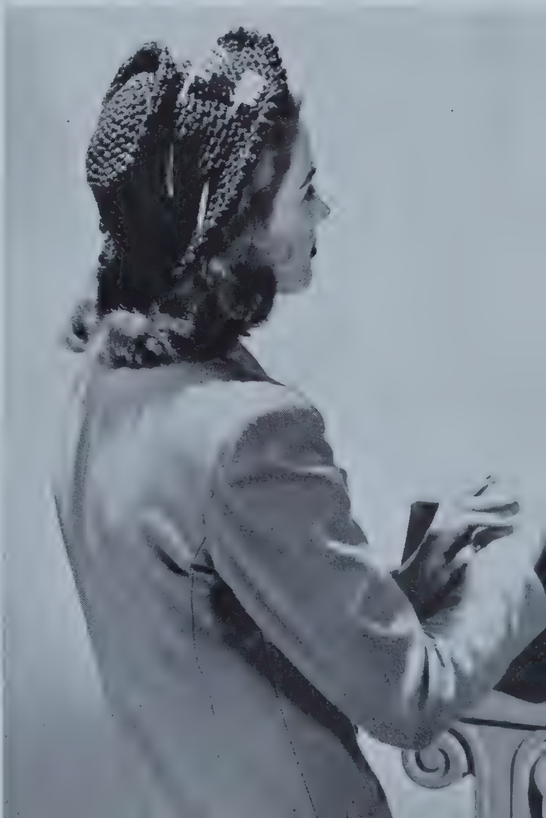
When you have accumulated 50-75 or 100 lbs. of waste paper, call Salvage Pick-up office at State 8787 to donate to charity, such as the Salvation Army, Catholic Salvage, etc., or sell to a regular collector if you wish to use the proceeds to purchase War Stamps or Bonds.

Jump in a Jumper

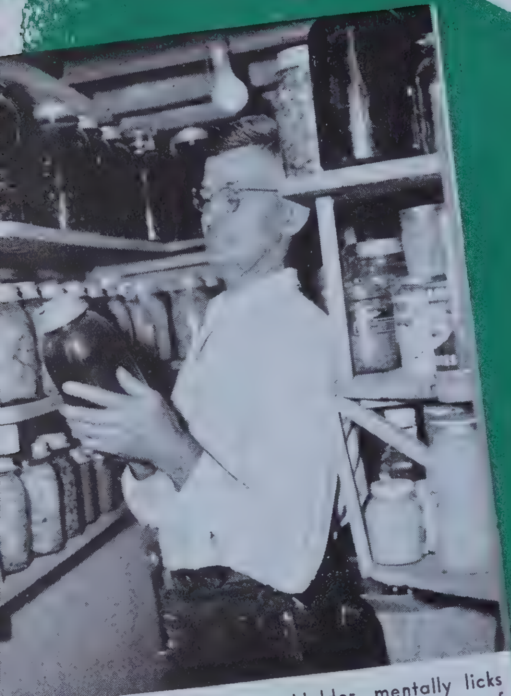
For that "slim as a reed" silhouette, you could choose nothing better than the new jumper dress for fall. This simple style has great elegance of line and comes in bright wools and rayons as well as in the more subdued beiges and grays.

Perky and Pretty

The chapeau shown here would be ideal as an extra little hat to wear with your fall clothes. If made in a light color it would point up a dark costume beautifully. But if you prefer it in black or the darker shades, it is sharp and smart as an accent note for lighter clothes. Making it takes only a few balls of crochet cotton and an hour or two of your time. You may have the directions by calling at the NEWS office, Room 1620.



Canning — 1943 Victory Vogue



Otto Andres, North Shore Holder, mentally licks his chops as he looks over his wife's collection of canned fruits and vegetables. Here's one answer to the rationing problem!

Even apartment dwellers are canning this year! Mrs. Thorsen, wife of Harold Thorsen, Methods and Routine, is no exception. She is pictured carefully washing a batch of green beans from her Victory garden.

Mrs. Andres is pictured below processing the green beans which her husband brought home from his garden at North Shop. Housewives in the neighborhood of the Andres' home take turns using the pressure cooker.

EVERYBODY's doing it! Like buying War Bonds, spending a home town vacation, and sharing the ride—home canning has become a Victory Vogue which is sweeping the country. There are good, solid, American reasons for this. Ask any housewife. She'll tell you she's canning because the government has asked her to; because canning will make food rationing a lot easier to weather; because it's a money-saver; and because it's one way she can help relieve an impending food shortage.

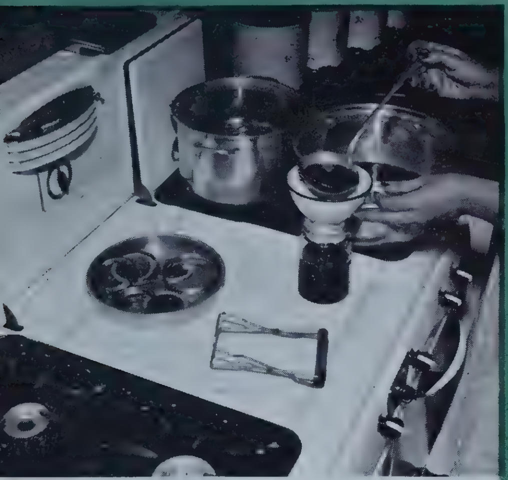
Last spring there began a flurry of Victory gardening among Gas Company employes. Now, those gardens are paying dividends—tasty dividends in the form of delicious, fresh vegetables for the dinner table, and a surplus supply to can for the coming winter.

During July, the Gas Company sorority of Wives were busily canning beans and peas. August finds them putting up bountiful crops of tomatoes, corn, beets, carrots, lima beans, apples, peaches, etc. In accordance with the Home Service department's recommendation, most of these housewives use a pressure cooker for the canning of non-acid vegetables, for they realize that is the one sure means of killing the deadly botulinus bacteria which cause food poisoning.

Tomatoes, being an acid food, may be canned by the water-bath method, and fruits, of course, need not be processed in a pressure cooker. However, all canned foods (whether processed by pressure cooker or otherwise) should be examined carefully before using. *Never taste to discover spoilage!* Also, it is a good idea to boil all home-canned vegetables for fifteen minutes before serving.

Here are some hints to help you can your Victory Garden crop:

1. Wash vegetables and fruit gently but thoroughly. Remove the food *from* the water . . . instead of the water from the food.
2. Inspect your jars carefully—discard those which are cracked or nicked. Absolute cleanliness of jars and caps is important.
3. When filled jars have cooled, it is important to check for complete sealing. Self-sealing lids will have a slightly concave appearance if completely sealed.
4. If in doubt, call Home Service, Wabash 6000, for specific directions on the methods of canning fruits and vegetables.



oove, the Open Kettle process. A syrup of sugar (or
her sweetening substance) is made first. Prepared
uit is added and cooked until tender. Jars and caps
e sterilized by being boiled 20 minutes. When the
od is ready, remove jars from water one at a time,
to within one-half inch from the top with fruit and
syrup. Seal at once.

low, the Hot Water Bath process. The filled jars
e placed on a rack which will hold them slightly
ove the bottom of canner (this may be a wash
iler, bucket, or large container with a well-fitted
). Allow free circulation of water between jars and
ep water level at least one inch over jar tops. These
ethods are never used in canning non-acid foods.

At the right is the Victory Pressure Cooker sold by one of Chicago's large department stores. A permit from your Farm Rationing Board is necessary in order to purchase one. Many neighbors and friends are "chipping in" to buy a pressure cooker of which they can share the use. Carefully follow directions in using the pressure cooker. Always check the safety valve and be sure the pressure gauge is accurate. Home Service will give you a time table for canning vegetables by this method. This is the *only* method recommended for canning meats, poultry, and all vegetables except tomatoes.

Mrs. Nicholas Veronica, whose husband is in the Research and Testing department, stores away jars-ful of Victory garden peas. These well-stocked shelves will certainly weather the Veronicas through the winter.

Collection of Records for Yanks Continues Through August

Last month Peoples Gas Post of the American Legion began a drive to collect old phonograph records for our fighting men. So far, 1,500 records have been collected. A goal of 6,000 has been set and the Legionnaires announce that the drive will continue through August.

This is part of a nation-wide campaign—a repeat performance of a drive which last year resulted in sending about 370,000 records to members of the Armed Forces. Recordings are one of the best means of entertainment for American fighting men, especially in areas behind the lines where radios cannot be used. The music of America's swingaroos is a sure morale builder-upper.

Peoples Gas employes can participate in this worthwhile campaign to collect records for our Servicemen by calling Jesse E. Dowen, Peoples Gas Post Service Officer, local 2200. He will arrange a "pick-up" if you have a large quantity of records. If you have only a few, bring them to your Shop, Station, or office and they will be picked up there.

Record-breaking contributions have already been made by Walter Ohmacht, Credit and Collection, who rounded up 186 discs; Hazle Schiddel, Customers Order, 85; George Zwissler, Credit and Collection, 70; Ed Bucher, Crawford, 61; Ivan Anderson, Meter Shop, 50; Albert Colby, Bill Delivery, 48; Joan Wagner, General Accounting, 45; Robert Mason, Crawford, 40; William Burkhart, Customer Accounting, 38; Emily Bartoszek, Credit and Collection, 31; John Michaels, Warehouse guard, 27; and Joseph Cody, Refining Plant, 22.

Round up those old phonograph records which you seldom play or which have long since been relegated to the attic. Whether you contribute six or sixty, each one will be appreciated by some Yank—over there.

They Left For Service During July

Baker, Leander H. Jr.
Becvar, Edward F.
Bodtke, Reinhold H.
De Rose, Anthony G.
Dorgan, Thomas E.
Ebbert, Laurence J.
Evans, Robert J.
Fergus, William G.
Hegarty, James Jos.
Jenkins, Pards S.
Jensen, John A.
Johnston, Joseph L.
Kadlac, Joseph J.
Keller, Millard J.
Lagodny, George C.
Miceli, John
Mock, William R.
Nelson, Harry L.
O'Boyle, James
Pacanowski, Leonard T.
Paravich, Joseph J.
Rubly, Harold C.
Ruhl, Adolph C.
Seidell, Robert D.
Thorselius, Alex F.
Weber, Arthur C.
Wodniakowski, Valentine J.

Valerie Larson, Key Punch section, beamingly hands over her contribution of records for the Yanks. George Keller, Customers Order, and LD Keeslar, Purchasing, Legionnaires manning the Record Receiving Station, beam right back at her.

Victory Gardeners Display Produce September 7, 8

Employe victory gardeners, who by their toil and care have turned vacant property into food-producing gardens, will have an opportunity to earn cash prizes in the Peoples Gas Club's Fruit and Vegetable Show, to be held in the Peoples Gas Building, September 7 and 8.

The familiar Customers Hall, on the main floor, will be dotted with hundreds of containers of vegetables grown by Peoples Gas gardeners. On the morning of the opening day the judges, both of them highly qualified to do the task, will review the exhibits and select the winners on the basis of points.

All of the rules of the contest, as prepared by William Schueler and his show committee, are contained on a mimeographed premium list which has been distributed to all departments. Contestants at the main office should bring their entries direct to the corridor in the basement of the Gas Building before 10 a.m., September 7. Workers from outlying districts can bring their fruits and vegetables to their superintendents and they will be transported to the main office for the exhibit. Containers will be provided.

The $150 in War Stamp prizes will be awarded only for foodstuffs grown by employes in their Victory gardens. A prize of five dollars in War Stamps will be given to the employe whose entries produce the greatest number of points in the exhibit.

The judges will be: August Koch, retired, formerly chief horticulturist of the Chicago Park District, and A. V. Morgan, head of the Men's Garden Club of Illinois.

The show will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on both days. There will be no charge for admission and visitors are invited.

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Mrs. Louise Written wish to extend their sincere thanks for the beautiful floral offerings and the kind expressions of sympathy tendered at the time of their recent sad bereavement.

F. J. Written.

5,500 ATTEND ANNUAL PICNIC

Enjoy a Perfect Day at Riverview Park Crammed With Plenty of Fun for All

GIVE 5,500 men, women, and children free access to Riverview Park; sell them half-rate amusement tickets for the seemingly death-defying, thrill-producing rides; serve them gallons of lemonade, coffee, and milk, dozens of ice cream bars, and pounds of peanuts; offer them War Bonds and Stamps as prizes for various races and contests. Then . . . top it all off with the picnic-perfect weather of July 17, and the result is one of the best Gas Family get-togethers ever staged.

Three-Ring Circus of Fun

Riverview Park was a veritable three-ring circus the Saturday of the picnic, with plenty of fun for all—from annuitants to kiddies.

There was a merry, blueberry pie eating contest, a circus in itself. The much be-smeared contestants won War Stamps. There were races for the kiddies, too. First place winners in the race for boys and girls under six years of age were Charles Williams and Catherine Coughlan. In the race for sprinters from six to ten, Dick Schock and Patsy Howe out-distanced the other contestants. James Scheck and Dorothy Williams were victorious in the race for ten to fourteen year olds. And, the race for fifteen year olds and over was won by Ralph Cook and Ruth Sikowski. Jasper Campise out-ran the married men, and Gertrude Sutton the married women. The hilarious potato race was won by Edith Ramage.

In the annual and heartily-contested tug of war, North District out-pulled both West and South Districts. A horse shoe tournament was enjoyed by twenty-six participants, of whom John Bromley amassed the largest score.

105 Annuitants Attend

One hundred and five annuitants, honored grand-pops of the Gas Family clan, registered at the Annuitant Booth and later posed for their picture. Three clowns kept the grove in an uproar with their slap-happy antics. In the pavilion, dance enthusiasts enjoyed the music of Joe McNerney and his Syncopators. Even the First Aid Booth had its share of merriment when one youngster shyly approached the doctor on the delicate subject of administering First Aid to the rear of his torn trousers.

All in all, it was a wonderful picnic. Hats off to the Gas Club—three cheers, and a round of applause.

The little pig-tailed miss pictured at the right seems to have thoroughly enjoyed her licking. Those big brown eyes saw plenty of fun and excitement at the Riverview Picnic.

Off to a head start! The sub-deb sprinters pictured above really burned up the turf as they eagerly raced their way towards the finish line—and a much desired prize of War Stamps. Dorothy Williams out-distanced her competitors in this race for ten to fourteen year olds.

Pictured below is the Ice Cream Dispensary, probably the most popular booth in the picnic grove. Here, hundreds of palate-tickling ice cream bars were given out to throngs of Klamoring Kiddies.

No Gas Company picnic is complete without its clowns. The three daffy gentlemen pictured above kept the grove bubbling with laughter, and completely enamored the children with their "cutting up."

Safety Sessions Spur Supervisors

Hold Three Meetings to Review 1st Quarter Results in Contest

The Operating supervisors from the central part of the city are pictured above putting away the groceries at their first quarterly safety meeting.

A scene during the showing of the film, "The Man in Management," above, being viewed by the south side supervisors of the Operating Division at their safety gathering.

E. G. Campbell had the floor at the time the above picture was taken. The north side supervisors heard about their safety record as of the first quarter of the contest, and were inspired to lead their men onward to greater accident prevention achievements.

Two hundred and thirty key men in the Operating Division turned out to attend three evening Safety meetings which marked the end of the first quarter of the Division's Supervisors Safety Contest. The meetings were held on July 27, 28, and 29 in sections of the city convenient for the personnel of each of the three districts.

At the meetings, the men heard facts and figures concerning their first three months of competition in the Division's intensified safety program. One of the revelations was music to the ears of the foremen, supervisors, and superintendents: it was that lost time injuries had dropped from an average of 14 per month to six per month since the contest started.

Martin I. Mix, operating engineer, presided at the south side meeting on July 27; John J. Novy, executive engineer, took the helm at the Central meeting on July 28, while E. G. Campbell, general superintendent Distribution department, wielded the gavel at the North Side meeting.

J. M. Herrmann, superintendent of the Personnel department, outlined the important place of supervision as a part of management, and presented a film, "The Man in Management."

E. S. Beaumont, supervisor of safety, emphasized the strong and weak points of employes on safety matters, based on the experience gained through the current contest, and gave the standings of the various competing groups.

Honorable Mention Won By Company's Annual Report

The Company's Annual Report to Stockholders won an Honorable Mention Citation in the Annual Survey of Stockholders Annual Reports, which was published in the June 13 issue of the *Financial World*.

The award was given for the improvement shown in annual reporting, and certifies that the 1942 financial statement of the Company was judged as among those which showed improvement since 1933 from the standpoint of content, typography, and format. Altogether, 766 reports were entered.

GAS around the World

BY WILLIAM HELME

Seeing-eye for gas mains—In the operation of a gas distribution system, the need is frequently encountered for a practical and not too costly tool by means of which the interior of mains in use can be examined. Such a tool was designed recently in Denver to assist in locating suspected dust deposits in a 20-inch intermediate pressure steel main, carrying natural gas at 40 lbs. per square inch. The apparatus is in two units, one for introducing the light source into the main, and the other embodying the principle of the periscope, for making the visual inspection of the illuminated interior of the pipe.

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Hamburg, Germany—The huge gas plants in Germany's second largest city have been completely knocked out by the latest raids of the R.A.F. and American bombing squadrons.

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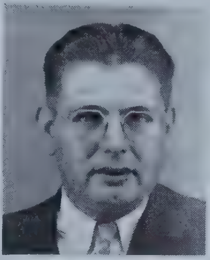
Gas house scrap—The subject of scrap is as important in England as it is in this country. It certainly seemed so to a British government official, who happened to be a lady, visiting a gasworks on a scrap survey. When informed that three tall towers were scrubbers and that only one was used in summer and two in the winter, all arguments to the contrary, she noted down one for scrap. Similar notations were made for purifying boxes. Then came three gas holders, large, medium, and very small. The exasperated engineer informed the lady that only the small one was used. He said the great big one was only put up to hide a new and ugly City Hall built nearby. The irate lady strode away and the next day an indignant government official asked for an explanation of such treatment of their staff. The engineer explained it appeared the only way to handle one who obviously didn't know her job, and anyway Public Utilities were exempt from the order. The crushing retort from the high official was "You are not a Public Utility, you are only a Gas Company!"

Thorson New Assistant Head of Transportation



Lester Thorson

THROUGH AN EXECUTIVE ORDER from the vice president in charge of operation, Lester Thorson, general street foreman, was appointed assistant superintendent of the Transportation department as of August 1.

Mr. Thorson fills the vacancy created by the death of Edward A. Schroeder, who passed away on July 9, after 24 years of service with the Company.

Gas Post Selects New Slate of Officers

AT A RECENT MEETING of Peoples Gas Post No. 336, The American Legion, Christ Madiol was elected Commander.

Other officers elected were: Ivan Anderson, Senior Vice-Commander; Albert Ward, Junior Vice-Commander; Albert Frendahl, Treasurer; Herman Gogele, Chaplain; Raymond Brundage, Adjutant; and Leo LaGesse, Sergeant at Arms.

White Pines To Be Scene Of Club's Fall Golf Play

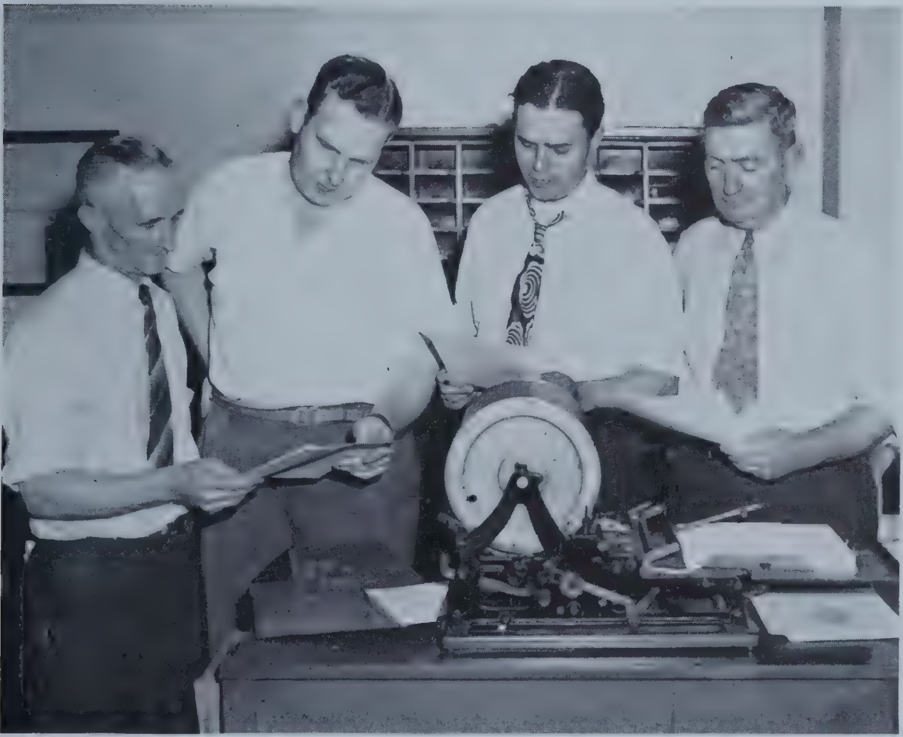
FOR THE FIRST TIME in its long history of successful golf tournaments, the Peoples Gas Club will stage its fall tournament at White Pines course, located northwest of the Chicago city limits. No stone has been left unturned by the diligent committee to provide a busy and enjoyable day for the Club's golf enthusiasts.

The tournament will be held on August 21, from early morning until late evening. Prizes will be awarded to foursomes as well as to the low scorers among both the men and women. In addition, the exciting climax to the Ranney Trophy competition will be featured at 2:30 p.m., marking the end of a summer-long struggle among the low scorers of the spring tournament for a chance at the cup.

Gas Ads

FOR SALE: L. C. Smith Corona portable typewriter with carrying case. Like new, excellent condition. $55.00. Call local 814.

FOR SALE: General Electric radio, console model, push button control—built-in electric clock with station timing device—walnut finish—excellent tone. Call local 814.



Here is the production staff of the Central District Servicemen's News, a mimeographed release containing poems, quips, gossip, jokes, and other material for the men from the district on the scattered fighting fronts. Pictured above are: Aneurin Walters, John Balcom, William Barnes, and Charles Callahan.

LIBRARY NOTES

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

THE NEW PHILOSOPHY OF PUBLIC DEBT, by Harold G. Moulton, President of the Brookings Institution, should be of interest to many of us in that it breaks down an old tradition that sound fiscal policy requires holding a nation's debt to as low a level as is possible. In this volume a new philosophy is analyzed with especial reference to its bearing on inflation. According to the new conception, a continuous expansion of the public debt is necessary for prosperity, and the size of an internal public debt is immaterial.

A copy of the 1943 National Fire Codes for the prevention of DUST EXPLOSIONS has been received. This volume is the result of several years of work on the part of the Dust Explosion Hazards Committee in developing fourteen separate codes of standards governing manufacturing operations in plants subject to the dust explosion hazard.

In addition to specific recommendations covering the particular hazards incident to the operation of equipment in industries for which they were prepared, the new codes follow the general arrangement of the standards previously approved and contain sections on building construction, location of machinery, selection of electrical apparatus, fire protection, venting, dust collecting, and general maintenance.

Six years ago, The Petroleum Engineer, a magazine devoted to aid the men in the petroleum industry, began to publish in each issue of their magazine a set of tables developed as a result of suggestions from men in the industry to assist them in solving problems commonly encountered in their routine work. This reference source came to be known as THE CONTINUOUS TABLES. To date 429 of these tables have been published in installment form and all of these are now available in a separate volume. Succeeding tables are published regularly in each monthly issue of Petroleum Engineer.

Health
HOW TO KEEP IT

By DR. HAROLD STEINBERG

I WANT TO TELL YOU something about an important disease, tuberculosis. It is important that you know what tuberculosis is, how it is contracted, how it spreads, what the prominent symptoms are, and, more important, what measures you can take with your own family or Company doctor to prevent its occurrence.

Why is tuberculosis one of the diseases about which you should be directly concerned? This condition appears most frequently between the ages of 15 and 40, usually the most active and productive periods of our lives. Any one can contract tuberculosis. No one is absolutely immune. It is a disease long in disability, and rapidly destructive if allowed to progress without competent medical care. Although most frequently it is an infection of the lungs, it may involve the bones, kidneys, bladder, and potentially may infect any of the body tissues.

Tuberculosis is an infectious disease. By that we mean it is caused by a bacteria known as the tubercle bacillus. Most frequently, persons become infected by repeated close contact with people who have active tuberculosis. It is possible, however, to become infected by drinking milk from tuberculous cows. It is important to point out here that the disease is not hereditary; yet, the close contact of members of the same family, one of which may have active tuberculosis, makes its incidence in members of the same family very common.

Therefore, this fact is important: if, to your knowledge, you may have been in definite contact with an active case of tuberculosis, you should contact your own physician and submit to a physical examination, which should include a chest X-ray. *No medical examination for purposes of diagnosis of tuberculosis can be considered adequate without an X-ray of the chest.*

Next month: Do You Have Tuberculosis?

Outstanding Records Made In 8-Ball Safety Contest

NORTH DISTRICT WORKMEN have behind them a commendable succession of days without a lost time accident in the 8-Ball Safety Contest. As of the last of July, they had worked for 161 consecutive days, making an unblemished safety record. Central District came close behind with 121 accident free days in a row, while South District stood third with 57. Crawford Station was still breaking its own unprecedented safety record of 57 consecutive days without a lost time accident as of July 31.

Perfect scores in the contest are held by Research and Testing, Chicago District Pipeline, Transportation department, 22nd Street Station, and Division Street Station.

Retired From Service August 1, 1943

MARY E. BAKER Customer Acctg.	23 years	9 months
JACOB BOROSAK Division Street	32 years	2 months
MICHAEL ROACH South District	38 years	10 months

Service Anniversaries

AUGUST, 1943

40 YEARS

BOWLER, WILLIAM J., Claim.
ROBERTS, JAMES JR., South Dist.

35 YEARS

KRYZONOWSKI, JOSEPH, North Station.
STOKES, JOHN P., Claim.
O'HARA, MICHAEL, South Station.
BATES, HARRY E., Engineering.

30 YEARS

FLEISCHFRESSER, ELMER, Central Dist.

25 YEARS

SMITH, LEO, North Dist.
CLAUSSEN, HARRY, Meter Reading.
HACKEMER, JOHN T., Customers.
SOMMER, ADOLPH G., Customers Order.
LA CHESKA, ANNA M., General Acc'tg.
MURTAUGH, THOMAS J., Division St. Station.
VESLEY, JOSEPH M., Industrial Sales.
GASPAR, NICKOLAS, Peoples Gas By-Products.
JENSEN, IRVING R., Domestic Sales.
JORFE, STEVEN, Customers Order.
WERNER, GEORGE A., Bookkeeping.
RASMUSSEN, ADELINE M., Statistical.
WILES, EVA A., Bookkeeping.

The following name and service record was inadvertently omitted from the June Service Anniversaries.

JOHN F. BEGG, Distribution Department —45 Years.

Nine Employe Suggesters Win Cash Awards During July

FRED H. WILCOX, Stores department, is the top suggester of the month, having been awarded $25 for an idea which he developed following experiments on repairs for Emco regulators. These regulators are devices which regulate the pressure of gas entering a building from a gas main or service. Mr. Wilcox proposed the use of pipe instead of sheet metal for repairing these devices.

Two winners of $10 each were Carl E. Roggentine, Crawford Station, and Daniel J. Driscoll, Credit and Collection.

Roggentine's idea consisted of a device to prevent the accidental opening of carbon caps in coke ovens, while Driscoll thought of one which involved a change in the routine for supplying information to customers about their applications for gas.

Employes who earned five dollar awards through their ideas during the past month are: Harriet Grund, Personnel; Eva Schoettes, Gas Building; Elizabeth Reilly, Accounting; J. W. Hanko, Research and Testing; James McAvoy, Meter Reading; and H. W. Ruppman, Stores department.

From left to right, Daniel Driscoll, Credit and Collection, Carl Roggentine, Crawford Station, and Fred Wilcox, Stores department — top suggesters during July.

DEPARTMENTAL SECTION

Meter Shop

BY G. D. BURNS

HERE WE are with another deadline to be met. And what a tough job it is unless you folks give me some news to write about. If you know anything about the other guy, let me know, maybe he would like to see it in print. . . . Pat Anderson tells us that the corn in his Victory garden has reached a height of 10 feet. We believe Pat all right, but we intend to have a picture later to prove it. . . . Congratulations to John Heil who has been transferred to North District as Assistant Superintendent, and Charles Mitchell who was Senior Shop Clerk at the Meter Shop for nineteen years and who is now at the North District. Our loss is North District's gain, so treat them right, you Northsiders. . . . John Kubal was in to see us on a leave from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he has been for some time as instructor in small arms. John says he's no General but he thinks he's a pretty good private. . . . We have received a letter from William Ahern who is on one of the South Pacific islands. Why don't some of you fellows write to Bill? . . . The employes of the Meter Shop express their deepest sympathy to Edward O'Brien upon the death of his mother. . . . The welcome mat was out to Richard Antink who returned to the Meter Shop after a sojourn with the Meter Reading department. It's nice to see you back again, Dick. You won't have to worry about the dogs now.

South District

BY JOHN F. SCHULDT

IT IS PRIVATE JOE PARAVICH of the U. S. Army now. Joe was inducted into the Army July 24. . . . Our congratulations to Lester Thorson who was appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Transportation department. Les served as a General Street Foreman while at South District and we wish him luck in his new field. . . . The shop Victory gardens are in full production now. One can find almost any kind of vegetable growing there and a number of the men have replanted a second time for a full crop. . . . Vacations are almost a thing of the past at the shop now. Most of the men spent their time acquainting themselves with Chicago, some were at their nearby summer homes, while a few drifted out into the north woods. . . . The District Safety Supervisors' dinner held July 27 was well attended. The men are showing a real interest in the present safety campaign and we are getting results, as is shown by the few accidents being reported.

Key Punch Section

BY ROMA SCHWENKE

THE GIRLS bid adieu to Grace Wesley at a farewell party at Ye Old Cellar. Grace is going to California to live. Bye-bye, Grace, and the best of luck to you in your new endeavors. . . . There is a good cook among us. Her name is Celia Trauscht. Celia just won $5.00 for a recipe she sent to the Tribune. We won't mind a bit, Celia, if you invite us over for a home-cooked meal sometime. . . . Evelyn and Earl Abbott say many thanks for their wedding gift. The couple received glassware from us. . . . Did anyone miss seeing the red nose that Alice Prinderville has been trying to hide? It seems that good Ole Sol beamed down on Alice while she vacationed at a lake and her nose hasn't been the same since. . . . Bernice Baumann also came home a little browner than usual. Bernice was at Channel Lake on her vacation and said that she caught some fish. We wonder if that is just another one of those long fish stories.

Engineering Department

BY JULIEN JORDAN

ED MALARKEY "finally" announced the birth of a son, which called for congratulations. On July 20, Dennis James was born to Eleanor Malarkey at the West Suburban Hospital. We have been hearing good reports from Ed ever since the event. Ringside weight of Dennis was 11 pounds 2 ounces, which is a lot of "Malarkey." . . . By the time this is published most of us will be back from our vacations. Many reported working in their Victory Gardens and playing golf, which is a good substitute for traveling these days. . . . Big Bill (the Builder) Bruson had better finish that porch before the snow flies. Never mind the screens this year, Bill; you won't need them now. . . . Martin Reinholdt's family recently broke into print when his daughter's picture appeared in *Life* magazine (July 19 issue). Miss Reinholdt is near Sweetwater, Texas, training to become a flier.

Messenger Section

BY FRANCES CONNOR

ANOTHER MONTH has rolled around bringing with it an array of bright new faces. Glad to have you with us Dale Tellgren, Robert Buckley, Susanne Stieber, and Theresa Power. "There Will Be Some Changes Made," could be the Ante Room theme song now, for three of our regular messengers have been replaced by Evelyn Navratil, Margaret Carlin, and Lorraine LeGault. . . . We are all waiting anxiously for the return of Alexander Duzynske. Al, the bashful fisherman, had better bring back some pictures of those 20 inch herring.

Tax and Property Accounting

BY DOROTHY TEUBER

JULY 8 marked the arrival of a future president of the United States—namely Theodore A. Koenig, Jr. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Koenig! . . . We were all happy to hear of Lorraine Moste's marriage, so we had a little party for her to wish her the very best of everything. On July 19 she was married to Robert Springman of the United States Navy. The best of luck to both of you. . . . Vacation time is here, but with all the war restrictions most of us are staying close to home.

Tabulating Group

BY CATHERINE HEANEY

BE CALM, FOLKS, BE CALM—unless you know by this time it was just a window pole that was poked through one of our windows about 5:30 p.m. . . . Mary Lou McGowan came down too early one morning. She fell off her chair as the result. . . . Good luck to Betty Anderson, now in the Receipts. . . . Hope young Mrs. Marie Weaver will cross our paths again. . . . Bet that "Penny" Hickman feels like a million in her new WAVE uniform. . . . Fast work for Rheinhold Bodtke. He's in the Navy now. . . . Good Samaritan Dolores Giblin tried in vain to help a man across Adams at Wabash. . . . Eileen Brice knows what it is now to have her tonsils removed. . . . Old-timers Bill Otto and Walter Kraak, now in Service, were in recently.

A parting shot of Penny Hickman, taken with a group of friends from the Tabulating section just before she left for the WAVES. In the front row are: Lillian McKenna, Nora Rivet, Penny, and Eileen O'Laughlin. Back row: Shirley Baumgart, Alice Deakun, and Edith Munns.

Treasury and Receiving
BY RUTH CARLSON

BARBARA AND BILL MORTENSEN have been doing the town during Bill's recent furlough. Reason for celebration was "Mort's" promotion to Second Lieutenant after graduating from Officers' Candidate School. Congratulations, Bill! . . . The diamond on Erla Pascoe's third finger, left hand, is a reminder of that future date she has with Air Student Thomas Burton, now stationed at Henderson Teachers' College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. . . . Our lovely bride pictured here, Helen Levand, just celebrated her first month's wedding anniversary. Hubby Ted's way off in Santa Ana, California, with the Army Air Forces. . . . Good luck to Joyce Sisson who left us to join her husband, George, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. . . . Sincere condolences to Fred Written on his recent bereavement, the loss of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Levand

Methods and Routines
By JOSEPHINE SCHECKEL

WE WERE ALL DEEPLY GRIEVED to hear of the reported death of Captain Paul C. Cooke in a Japanese prison camp. Those of us who knew and worked with Paul find it difficult to believe, and share with Mrs. Cooke the hope that the report may yet prove to be in error. . . . Clark Jahn, recently returned from Service, was welcomed back into our midst a few weeks ago, and as was the case with Jack Burke, it hardly seems possible now that he was gone. . . . A letter from Lt. Com. M. J. Carley indicates he is still pursuing the rugged life somewhere in the Pacific with "the BEST can, the BEST crew, and the BEST spirit in this man's Navy," which statement proves there's nothing wrong with Maury's morale.

Refining Plant
BY JOHN HENRY

WE WERE SURPRISED on July 29, when Raymond Conners, formerly a tester in the laboratory here, paid us a visit. He enlisted last September in the Army Air Corps, and now has his silver wings. . . . Roland Kubicek has been released from the Army and is back at his old job in the laboratory—a living example of what Army life can do for a fellow. He is as brown as an Indian and hard as nails. Welcome back, Grogan. . . . The plant has always responded whenever a call is made such as the one which urged us to donate old radios for the Signal Corps, old records for the Army, and increasing their payroll deductions for WAR BONDS. Now a call has been sounded by the American Red Cross for blood donors. So far, Herb Oeschel has donated three times, and John Holcomb once. Bob Tibbett has promised to be the next in line, and we hope to hear from several more before this goes to press. . . . Nick Gaspar, Frank McNamara, Charles Krueger, and Edwin Priestap are vacationing. Just where is secret due to a shortage of paper and postcards.

Credit and Collection
BY WALTER OHMACHT

A FRIENDLY WELCOME to our new associates, Rita Ann Hurley, Mary O'Donnell, Anna Mae Karlak, and Dorothy Lyall! . . . Letters have recently been received from Bill Meyer and Carl Claysen. Gil Button and Ed Zoltowski dropped in to see us, while enjoying furloughs. Such things always add a little sunshine. We are always glad to see and hear from you fellows in the Service. We know you are all busy, but drop us a line when you can. . . . This department was well represented at the picnic. Everyone attending had a swell time. . . . A small fire which did little damage, but which could easily have been much worse, has made Gerry O'Connor extremely Insurance-minded. . . . Well, the vacation period has come and gone for another year and the gang looks well rested. With 63 away at one time, the department was a strange place indeed. . . . Bruno Burba and Dan Driscoll report good results from the Victory Gardens and speaking about gardens, it is now time to have those loose front teeth tightened, for the corn-on-the-cob season.

Crawford Station
BY A. G. CANAR

SAM MILLIN has a record to be proud of. He has four sons in the Armed Forces, three in the Army and one in the Navy. One participated in the African campaign. And in six months the fifth son will be of military age. . . . Earl Daenzer, U.S. Navy, recently paid us a visit while home on furlough from the Aleutian Islands. . . . John Larone, who entered the Service last December, was recently discharged and is back to work. . . . William Rasmussen's son was home on furlough, after two years Army duty in Alaska. . . . James Lachovich's son just received his diploma from the Aircraft Armorers School at Camp Lowry, Colorado. . . . Edward Becvar and Valentine Wodniakowski recently answered the call of Uncle Sam. . . . Thomas Nichol has left for Fort Custer and Martin Connor for Fort Sheridan. . . . Mike Drapp was discharged from the Army and is back with us. . . . Steve Oznoff is the proud father of another boy. . . . Victor Chapiesky is hospitalized because of a home accident. Leonard Weber is chasing muskies in Northern Wisconsin while on vacation.

Calumet Station
BY WILTON BROWN

ANOTHER GAS CLUB PICNIC IS OVER. Calumet was represented by a large group of employes who report that a good time was had by all. . . . We are glad to see William Koehler back with us after an extended illness. . . . It looks like a very close race but we are sure that our Victory Gardeners will win out. We refer to the race between the many types of bugs and the various spray guns, to see which will get the vegetables in our Gardens. If the nicotine sulphate holds out we know who will emerge victorious. . . . Vacation Notes—Our Boss, William Marshall, is planning a quiet vacation right here in Chicago. . . . Ed Flynn, our ex-vaudeville star, is in New York and reports a swell time. We wonder just what the big attraction is.

Industrial Sales
BY WILLIAM HELME

LEONE CLARK, AL BOEHM, AND BUD ZUSE are regular donors to the Blood Bank. This contribution to the war effort cannot be praised too highly. . . . Jim Whammond has to be impartial in bestowing praise to our Service branches, as one son is in the Navy and the other in the Army. . . . Pvt. Al Schultz, now attending Vanderbilt University, sends regards to all. . . . Sgt. Joe Vesley is having watch trouble again. You break 'em, we fix 'em, Joe. . . . Our gang is vacationing in and around Chicago this year. A vacation is usually a complicated procedure for getting tired in a different environment. And for the little woman, it is merely a change in sinks.

Correspondence

BY ESTHER FREDERICK

FROM MILDRED JONES we hear that Dick Fredericksen is now stationed beyond the real deep south—Tallahasee, Florida. He will really acquire a mahogany tan after a little bit. . . . It was a jolly old letter we had from our jolly old boy, Ed Ziemba, who (we are thankful) arrived safely in the British Isles. . . . Ed McCarthy is turning a deep brown according to his letter, and is having quite a time while attending West Maryland College. It's co-educational, too, but Ed never did have any time for college beauties. (Who are we kidding?) . . . We're glad to know that all our boys are feeling well in their various ports of call. . . . It would be grand if more of us could copy Irma Peters, Ruth Sblewski, and Earl Mester, by finding our way to the Blood Donor Service. . . . Vacations are principally spent around Chicago, although Helen Jennings came back rather tan from Wild Rose Lake, Wisconsin; Marion Brown had fun in Dayton, Ohio; Pat Marcotte rested (?) in Lakeside, Michigan; and Anita Lund saw the city where our country's laws are made, Washington, D.C.

Meter Reading

BY STEPHEN FORAN

BILL REYNOLDS, alias Trader Horn, was born a hundred years too late. If he had lived at the time settlers were dickering with the Indians—and used the same technique then as he uses now when trading books—he would have been a wealthy man indeed! . . . Could Grace Whited be the reason for all the gayety, not to mention the extra-dashing appearance of the fellows at 63rd St. Store these mornings? Could be, could be. . . . A pleasure we have yet to enjoy is meeting Gertrude Hankermeyer. From all reports she's a "regular fellow." How're the feet, Gert? . . . The department takes this opportunity to acknowledge the many cards and letters received from its members in the Armed Services. We hope you are showing the stuff meter readers are made of. Keep it up, fellows, and we will try to keep you informed of what's what back at the Company. . . . No casualties have been reported since the meter readers received their flashlight holsters. But they do make you want to play cops-n-robbers, don't they?

Receipts

BY ROSEMARY CLYNE

VACATION TIME IS HERE AGAIN. Lucille Fippinger has just returned from the wild and woolly plains of South Dakota where densely settled towns and cities crowd one another, or so Lucille would have us believe. The sign at the outskirts of one town read—Total Population, 1. . . . Eileen Miller is becoming reacquainted with the Windy City on her vacation. . . . Navy-minded Jean Schnell has left us to join her husband in the Bronx. The girls of the Receipts remembered her with a lovely leather bag. . . . Should you be searching for an ideal vacation spot, Florence Engstrom's advice is "Go to Wisconsin." Although not yet a member of the Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce, we expect the news of her election at any time. . . . As for the method of transportation, "Go by plane," says Irene Pallagi who, since her trip to North Carolina, is a confirmed air traveler.

Central District

BY JOHN BALCOM

Edward Schroeder

OUR COLUMN this month is saddened by the passing of our Assistant Superintendent of Transportation, Edward Schroeder, who succumbed to a sudden heart attack on July 9. Our deepest sympathies go out to Mrs. Schroeder in her loss, and to Mr. Schroeder's brothers and sisters. A touching but beautiful note was added to the funeral, when, at the cemetery, an Army plane flying low overhead, noting the military aspect of the cortege (Mr. Schroeder was a member of the Peoples Gas American Legion Post), circled over the grave and dipped its wings in a parting salute. Thus did a World War II hero pay tribute to a hero of World War I. This is part of what makes up "America." It is men such as these who fight for us; it is men such as these who die for us. May we never prove unworthy of their valor, their service, and their sacrifice.

General Accounting

BY PETER GILLIGAN

PARDS JENKINS AND HAL RUBLY are the latest members of our department to set aside their "civvies" for the duration, and don the garb prescribed by Uncle Sam. Pards was inducted into the Navy June 29, and one week later embarked for the United States Naval Training Station, Farragut, Idaho, where he is now undergoing Boot Training. Hal was inducted into the Army June 30, and reported for duty at Fort Custer, Michigan, July 24. As yet Hal has not informed us of his reaction to military life, but some word should be forthcoming for the next issue. . . . Lieutenant Jim Sheehy, bronzed by the North Carolina sun and looking as if Army life agreed with him, was in for a visit July 30. Jim recently graduated from Officer's Candidate School at Duke University and was enjoying a furlough before starting to work on War Contract Re-Negotiations in Washington, D. C. . . . Best of luck to Agnes Murphy, who left the Company recently. The girls of the department feted her with a to-be-remembered farewell party. . . . Helen Sheehan informs us that she is going to take a strictly patriotic vacation. Having found from experience that vertical pedaling is the accepted mode of bike riding, Helen plans to pedal her recently purchased two-wheeler to Lake Zurich for her vacation. . . . John Gerski returned from his vacation sporting a nifty sun tan acquired fishing at Fox Lake.

Service Dispatching

BY GEORGE T. KAZUNAS

VACATIONS: "Captain" Roland Franzen became a full-fledged sailor because of numerous trips to Milwaukee on the Clipper. Frank Walsh is touring the GREAT NORTHWEST-side Forest Preserves. Texas is too far for an "A" Card. Elmer Christell catches up on relaxation and sports, and such social activities not covered during the rest of the year. Your Scribe worked and played at Brown's Lake, where he acquired a tan to last until next year. . . . MILITARY: Pete Caulfield of Central District, now of the Army, will welcome a Turn On Route instead of marches with full pack.

Archives

BY ROBERT FITZSIMMONS

THE HIGH-LIGHT of the month was a visit from PFC John Smit. He is looking the picture of health and, with nearly a year of Service, says he would like to make the Army his career. . . . We wish all of the other Archiveites, now in Service, the good fortune to get furloughs so we may look over some more of Uncle Sam's super-men. . . . A card from James Canty now places him in Colorado where he reports a congenial mess hall serviced by chic waitresses. Jim should make the grade there without too much difficulty. . . . Tom West informs us that he will soon be a resident of the Great South Side—Chicago's gain and LaGrange's loss. . . . Three of our vacationists, namely Gus Schmidt, Sam Bartlett, and Bill Raden, have returned showing how, despite the war, a man can acquire a healthy tan and have a good rest without much country environment.

Coke Sales

BY MARGARET VAN NEST

We said au revoir last month to Ed (Becky) Becvar, who is now busy with boot training at Great Lakes. . . . Among the many things acquired by Pvt. Ray Schmitt in his Army life, he says, are "dish-pan hands." Wonders will never cease. . . . Vacations are over for Mabel Kohl, Gene Wood, John Fisher, and your correspondent, while Ed Joyce leaves this week on a short fishing trip. . . . During the vacation period we were happy to have Walter (Zip) Woods and George Coghlan back with us to lend a helping hand. . . . The smiling young lady pictured here is Carolyn Jean, aged 9 months, daughter of Serviceman Charlie Zeller. Proud papa Charlie is awaiting his appointment for work in the Navy Yard at Pearl Harbor, T. H.

Carolyn Jean Zeller

Auditing

BY ALBERT DRIGOT

Shortly after he became a bridegroom, Gerald Lytle became a member of this department; some honeymoon! As of August 1, Lile Bilyeu also joined the ranks of the auditors. Our belated "welcome" to both of you. . . . Paul Schaar's sudden death at work on July 16 was a shock to all of us. Though he spent only a year and seven months in this department, his friends were many, both here and elsewhere in the Gas Building where he had worked for the past 34 years. Paul served in our Armed Forces overseas during World War I, and was a member of Peoples Gas Post No. 336 of the American Legion. We shall all miss this friend, and appreciate the loss that is felt by his surviving widow and parents. . . . Our sympathies are also extended to Leo Meyer and family on the recent death of his father, John C. Meyer. . . . The announcement by the War Department of the death of Captain Paul Cooke, of the Army, in a Japanese prison camp cast its own pall, too. Captain Cooke was formerly a member of this department.

Personnel

BY MARIAN BRYANT

Reports of some of our recent vacationers: Cornelia Titus enjoyed two weeks in Colorado; Betty Crotty and Florence Magnuson were at Peewaukee Lake; Dr. Harry Petrakos spent his time in Saugatuck, Michigan; Ruth Jaffke enjoyed a week of painting and picking raspberries in Michigan; Verena McCarville, Helen Nevins, and Marian Bryant toured Chicago and vicinity. . . . Everyone reported a good time at the Personnel get-together at Sportsman Golf Course July 24. . . . Bernice Gleason convalesced at Portage, Wisconsin, and states the freckles really popped! . . . Nancy is the new arrival in Dr. Howard Lindberg's family. . . . Word has reached us that Seaman, second class, Thomas P. McCarthy, that effulgent Irishman who worked in the Library, was married to Florence Buckley at Great Lakes.

Photographic Department

BY MYRLE THATCHER

Vacation Special—Chief "Vic" Knitter and his right-hand man, Elmer Beckwith, with two other gentlemen, stagged it for a week-end at one of the Michigan resort havens. Judging from the movies taken—the Gas Company is sporting four "supermen." What physiques!!!! . . . Shirley Wright is giving female Lake Lawn resorters of Delavan, Wisconsin, a bit of competition. . . . This month we proudly feature Marine "Al" Walavich, who graduated from Still Photo School, July 31. Congratulations are in order. . . . If anyone sees Bob Hull taking "flash" shots in the office, please ignore, as he is our "camera tester."

Marine Al Walavich

Statistical Department

BY EDITH MOSGERS

Word has reached us from our former scribe, Esther Hauptfleisch, who is now residing in Los Angeles, California, that she is wearing a lovely diamond and wedding bells will soon ring. Our best wishes to Esther. . . . The coming and going of the Army and Navy in the past few weeks have kept this department well up on the March of Time events. One of the best looking officers we have seen recently was none other than our Capt. Clarence H. White, who was passing through on furlough from Denver, Colorado, where he is stationed as Salvage Officer in the Arsenal which is manufacturing poison gas. . . . Our sailor boy, Elmer Michaels, paid us a welcome visit after graduation from "Boot Training" out at Great Lakes Training Center. A real sailor is Mike with his crew haircut, deep tan, and dress blue. . . . A farewell party was given in honor of George Lagodny, who was leaving, so he thought, for the U.S. Army, but it seems that a surprise was in store for George because he's "in the Navy now." . . . Helen McMillan is well on the road to recovery after a serious illness, and in a recent note said that she hoped to be back soon. . . . The Tabulating section's loss is our gain, with our newest fellow worker being Margaret Behrens. . . . Lucky Jane Sweeney has returned after spending three weeks in Colorado, and is still talking about those "breath-taking mountains." . . . A bouquet of congratulations to Elsie Harmke, who celebrated her twenty-fifth anniversary with the Company, July 23.

Research and Testing

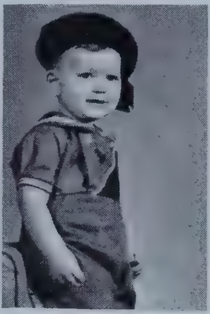
BY H. W. FREDERICK

Three cheers to Casey VanZytveld and Lawrence Fritts, our three-time Red Cross blood donors. Others aiding in this very worthy cause are Bill Donovan, George Dowse, William D. Egan, and Julius W. Hanko. Honorable mention goes to Joseph T. Misiak, his wife, daughter, and his two sons who each gave a pint of blood to the Red Cross. . . . Donald Dalton sent us a card from Canada recently, announcing that he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy. Congratulations from all of us, Commander. . . . Lieutenant Willard J. Ball dropped in to see us last month. He sure looked swell in his sun tan uniform. . . . Nick Veronica's vacation was spent roaming around Bean Blossom, Indiana, where he met face to face a rattlesnake of considerable size—and slew it with only a garden hoe. The snake's rattlers may be seen in Room 621. . . . Mrs. Dorothy O'Keefe accompanied her mother and father to their new home in California last month. . . . Tony Dorner is in his glory now. Reason: he just bought a 4-door sedan. What worries him most now is the possibility of the reduction in value of gasoline ration coupons. . . . We offer our deepest sympathy to Winthrop D. Avery whose mother passed away recently.

Stores—Warehouse

BY MARIE J. LEHMANN

AH! here we have a portrait of a regular little man, and he is only twenty-seven months old. He is Francis Joseph Daly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Daly. No wonder Pat's face beams when he tells us of the clever things the baby does. We'll wager he is going to be a heartbreaker when he becomes "of age." . . . We sent Millard Keller off to Camp Grant with the usual smiles and tons of good wishes. Millard left for Camp Grant on July 27. . . . We had a visit from the effervescing Cpl. Francis J. Dowling on July 16. He looked grand, lost a little weight but still retains that twinkle in his eye and his sunny disposition. . . . We do enjoy visits from our boys in Service. . . . We had a letter from Lt. John Gagler, who is now stationed at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts. In his letter he mentioned how mighty nice it was to get the GAS NEWS. . . . Our good friend Steve Cusack was made a Sergeant recently. . . . We had an interesting letter from Cpl. Francis Benham, in which he gave us a clear picture of a day on maneuvers.


Francis Joseph Daly

Purchasing Department

BY HELEN LAMEIKA

EACH of our members experienced a happy homecoming when Mr. Charles C. LeForge, after a three months' illness, returned to his desk looking crisp and zealous. You are welcomed back, Mr. LeForge, and we're certainly glad to see you. . . . Coming in on a wing and a train, William MacDonald arrived to carry on after nine months of interesting work in Uncle Sam's medical detachment. Welcome, Bill, and we hope our schedule agrees with you. . . . James J. Bouchier is enjoying a three-week vacation—more details later. . . . Donald R. Bell spent one week of his vacation in Michigan eating the legs of frogs which had been overpowered by his air gun.

Bookkeeping

BY RITA CONLON

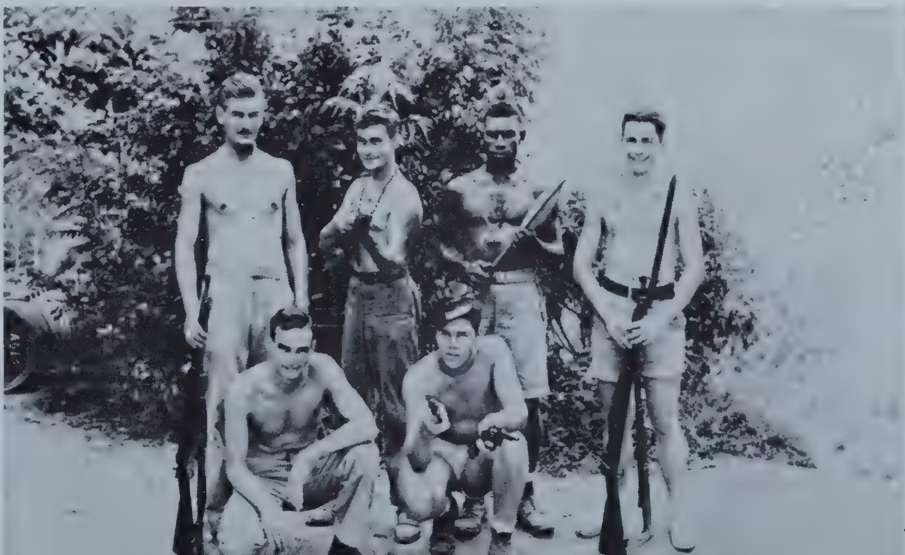
BILL MOCK AND LEE BAKER are now in Uncle Sam's Army. We in Books wish the best of luck to you both. . . . Congratulations to Josephine Madiol on her engagement. . . . The rating of Warrant Officer was bestowed upon Joe Meany. . . . Could it be that Tom Fitzgerald was having a nightmare when he put his foot through the window? . . . Phyllis Cryder has left to join her husband in Florida. . . . We were glad to see Norbert Ulbrick come in on furlough from Alameda, California. . . . Frank Williamson paid us a visit and is now back in South Carolina, scrubbing the decks. . . . A hearty welcome is extended to Francis Cooney and Bill Kaspar, who are back with us—(but remember, boys, we are only rookies). . . . Some people are wondering where Frances Weismantel buys such sheer nylons??? . . . Much luck and happiness are wished to Ann Byrne and Kate Wilson, who recently took steps to a marital status. . . . Glad to hear from Frank Doyle, who is in Australia. . . . At Stanford University is Pvt. Bill Savage, who is busy studying. Incidentally, Dick (Whity) Caspar, is a Corporal. . . . We are glad to have Genevieve Pask Weigand in our midst again.

Customers

BY RICHARD CAHILL

WHATEVER KIND of climate and food they have in the Solomons, judging by Ed (Lord Beaverbrook) Broderick's picture, they surely seem to agree with him. This is the first picture to reach us from the South Pacific and it's our opinion that Hollywood has been missing a star judging from the way Broderick can wear chin whiskers. . . . We said a few things about writing to Ed in the May issue of the NEWS and this is his response: "Do me a favor. Yes, another one. Would you or could you have a note added to the Customers department section of the GAS NEWS in answer to Cahill's question in the May issue for yours truly? The Captain of a ship was asked what kind of a cargo he preferred to carry and he said, 'I would rather carry mail than food for the boys overseas, as they seem to get more out of it.' Need more be said??" . . . Within the last week or so we have heard from the other four Customers department boys who are in the Service.

Ed Broderick, formerly of Customers, displays an unusually heavy growth of chin shrubbery in the picture below, snapped on one of the Islands of the Pacific.



Customers Order

BY CARL W. HAASE

PICTURED BELOW is the lucky fellow, Sgt. Herbert H. Kidd, U.S. Army, who married our lovely Alice Franzen April 1. The wedding ceremony took place at Spartanburg, South Carolina. Best of luck to you, Mr. and Mrs. Kidd. . . . Well, what do you know. Smiling Jean Palmer paid us a visit July 16. A true and loyal former employe, she just can't wait until she receives the GAS NEWS with our current departmental in it. We enjoyed your visit and our welcome mat is always out for you, Jean. . . . Welcome to Marion Dreger, Jeanne McClain, Patricia Thomas, and Dorothy Reinking. We enjoy having you with us. . . . Thanks to the officers of the Gas Club for a splendid picnic. We enjoyed ourselves very much. Steve Jorfe played nursemaid in the milk stand. . . . Mrs. Margaret Briggs left the employment of the Company to take up the duties of a housewife. Willard Ludington, president of the Harmony Club, presented her with a farewell gift. . . . Thomas Niagul and Grace Ripkey are back after their illnesses.

Sgt. and Mrs. H. H. Kidd

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Seven hundred and Forty-Four Reasons Why We Should Buy WAR BONDS

Mercedes Gordon, Personnel, whose husband is serving in the Army Signal Corps, places a new number card in the Honor Roll of the Gas Building.

SEVEN hundred and forty-four is the latest number of men and women from Peoples Gas fighting for Uncle Sam. Their names are displayed proudly on the Honor Roll, shown at left. Are WE backing them to the LAST DOLLAR? Are WE buying them the guns, tanks, planes, and ships with which to fight?

The answer lies in the conscience of those who are "carrying on" while they are away. It lies, moreover, in our Bond Buying program. Let US strive to show OUR confidence in the future of AMERICA, and our appreciation of THEIR sacrifice. Let's buy more WAR BONDS NOW!

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THIRD WAR LOAN DRIVE

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE FACT that in carrying the war into enemy territory, we shall need greater amounts of money than any nation has ever asked from its citizens in all history, I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, do officially proclaim that on Thursday, the ninth of September, 1943, the Third War Loan shall be launched.

As Commander-in-Chief, I hereby invoke every citizen to give all possible aid and support to this Third War Loan drive, not only so that our financial goal may be reached, but to encourage and inspire those of our husbands and fathers and sons who are under fire on a dozen fronts all over the world. It is my earnest hope that every American will realize that in buying War Bonds in this Third War Loan he has an opportunity to express voluntarily and under the guidance of his conscience, the extent to which he will "back the attack."

The American people supported well the first and second War Loan drives and in fact did even more than was asked of them. Our need for money now is greater than ever, and will continue to grow until the very day that Victory is won; so we must ask far more sacrifice, far more cooperation than ever before.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington, this twenty-sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-three, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-eighth.

[SEAL]

Franklin D Roosevelt

By the President:
CORDELL HULL
Secretary of State.

THIS is not the first time Americans have fought for the natural rights of individuals and the democratic liberty of nations.

The history of the United States is the drama of a constant conflict between the forces of reaction and the people's will toward progress.

It is the epic of a continuous struggle to extend and secure freedom, not only in war, but also in peace.

In that epic certain characters emerge, the heroes of the tale. They symbolize the conflict and, like signposts for the American people, point the way down the avenues of democracy. These great men of our nation's past have messages for us. They demonstrate the continuity of *now* and of *then*, and they bring into focus the elemental terms of our unremitting war against oppression and injustice.

One of these men is typical of our civilization—Benjamin Franklin! He still remains the embodiment of many characteristics that are the common heritage of Americans. Scientist, statesman, educator, author, wit and businessman, he is alive today.

His life portrays true and innate democracy at work. His spirit was American. Until the day he died, he worked to secure freedom of speech, religion, and press, and to extend the benefits of representative government. A generation older than the great figures of the Revolution, he signed the Declaration of Independence, the Alliance with France, the peace with Great Britain, and the Constitution.

Moreover, there is actually no phase of our national life to which his many-sided genius has not contributed. Books could be written on any one of his interests, and he had many interests.

We now need all the courage, initiative, and devotion that Benjamin Franklin had. We need his farsighted wisdom, and his example of keeping a sense of humor in dark days.

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IT'S TIME TO MAIL those Christmas packages to Servicemen over-seas. All packages addressed to a soldier must be mailed between September 15 and October 15; those being sent to a sailor must be mailed between September 15 and November 1.

Chicago's goal this year is a Christmas gift for every man and woman from the Chicago Metropolitan area in the Armed Forces of the nation.

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The Cover

"Back the Attack"—back it to the hilt, give it all we have with everything we've got—that's what is necessary for Victory and to assure the stability of America. The Gas News Cover this month follows the theme of the 3rd War Loan Drive, the greatest financial drive ever attempted. We must all back the 3rd War Loan Drive—it is the insurance of our national salvation. We must back our men of the invasion force who are spreading Victory and freedom through their sacrifice. We must, each one of us, buy an additional $100 war bond during the period of the drive. To win the war and hold the line on the home front—BUY WAR BONDS.

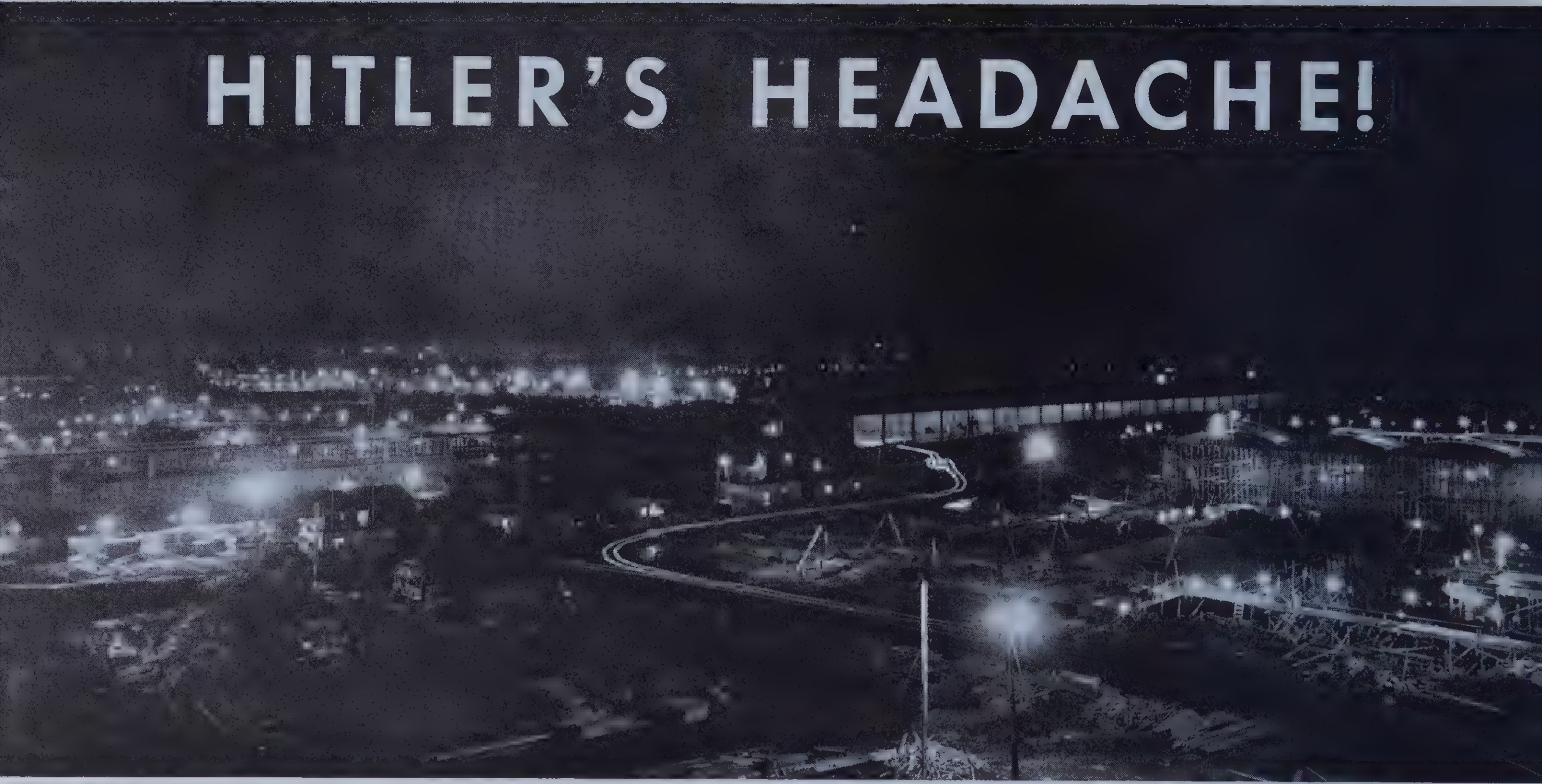
Coming Events

Bowling Begins
September 17—6:15 p.m.
Bensinger Alleys

Fire Prevention Show
Peoples Gas Building
October 2 to 16

Gas Club Christmas Show
December 18
Medinah Temple

HITLER'S HEADACHE!



"Hitler's Headache"—that's what Chrysler employees call their gigantic Dodge-Chicago Plant. Soon to go into production, this plant will turn out high powered aircraft engines. Here's the story of the prominent part which gas is playing in this terrific production job, one of the largest the world has ever seen.

IN A world which has long since ceased to be surprised at the marvels of modern engineering, a world which seems to consider that a speed record is set only to be surpassed, a world accustomed to gigantic undertakings, to superlatives in language and deeds—even in a world of this sort, the tremendous Dodge Chicago Plant, division of Chrysler Corporation, leaves the most blasé individual gasping at the sheer audacity of man's enterprise.

The Dodge Chicago Plant will be the largest airplane engine plant in the world. That statement, as such, means nothing unless you can visualize 500 acres of Illinois prairie suddenly mushroom almost a score of buildings, one of them a huge one-story structure that covers over 80 acres and has more floor space than the entire Merchandise Mart.

Main Laid in 1942

When peak construction was under way, 150 railroad cars and 80 truckloads of building materials were used daily; enough concrete was poured to build a highway 90 miles long; 1½ miles of gas mains and 4 miles of interior gas piping were laid.

The Gas Company began laying its mains into the property August, 1942. This underground work was finished by the middle of January. April of this year found all the meter sets and interior piping finished. It was a war-rush job and one which was completed in record time. When the plant reaches full production, it will use as much gas as is consumed by domestic customers for cooking and automatic water heating in a city the size of Milwaukee!

Just as tremendous as the architectural aspects of the plant, is the job they're about to do—that of manufacturing powerful 18-cylinder Wright aircraft engines—that of transforming an inanimate lump of metal into a precision-perfect piece of mechanism.

In the Forge buildings there will be mammoth upsetting machines which squeeze hot steel bars into specified forms. There are also gigantic hammers which will forge the steel into shape. The largest of these are to rest on steel-reinforced concrete blocks which weigh tons. But even this is not enough to absorb the terrific earthquaking jar one will feel as these powerful hammers go into action.

Almost all forgings are to be sent to the Heat Treat-Die Shop building which is to have conveyor type, gas-fired, heat treating furnaces, the temperatures of which will range from 350 to 1,700 degrees Fahrenheit. Exhaustive laboratory tests have determined exactly the degree of heat which will develop a desired characteristic in the forging. For example, certain forgings must be harder or softer than others; some must have a certain tensile strength. And for all, the heat treatment corrects the molecular structure of the steel.

Gas Used in Foundry

In a room far removed from these delicately regulated gas furnaces will be the pyrometers, thermometers which record and control the heat in the furnaces, disclose the minutest variation in temperature, and double-check the operation.

Another building on the Plant property is the Aluminum Foundry, reported to be one of the finest in the world. In this building one will watch skilled workmen compress fine sand into intricate forms. These molds are baked and then combined with other forms (known as cores) to make the finished mold. It has been estimated that a carload of sand will be used every working hour for this purpose.

Modern Dante's Inferno

One will also look into huge gas heated pots, filled with bubbling molten metal. The liquid metal is poured into the sand molds to make castings. After cooling, the casting is shaken out and trimmed, sent through an acid bath and some heat treatment, and then goes to the Machining-Assembly building.

Also in the Aluminum Foundry, gas-heated aluminum remelt furnaces are being installed, each of which has a capacity of 28,000 pounds. Scrap metal will bubble in these Dante's Infernos, for these furnaces are the Salvage Center for the Aluminum Foundry. Shavings, metal chips, risers, gates, and scraps of all kinds go into the caldrons, are cooked to the proper stage, poured into pigs, and re-used. More gas is consumed in *one* of these remelt furnaces than is used in all fourteen cafeterias in the Plant, each of which is gas-equipped.

Assembly Line Production

Building 4, next on the tour of Chrysler's Dodge Chicago Plant, is the largest one-story structure in the world —80 acres under one roof. Here, machines which cut down, grind and polish the forgings and castings into perfect parts are being installed. Everywhere you look in this tremendous room are lathes, drills, and mechanisms which seem to do everything but think. Many of the engine parts are to be heat treated here; others will be painted and treated with chemicals; some are to be plated with tin, nickel, and chrome. Every piece is microscopically examined, and—if accepted—enters what is known as the bond-room.

From this point, the finished parts go to the assembly lines from which they emerge complete units. Big cranes will lift the engines from the assembly dolly and place them on test mounts. Trucks will carry them to test cells.

"Test Flight" Indoors

The engine is then bolted down, gasoline and electrical lines are connected, and the instruments attached. The doors of the test cell are closed, the operator in the control room gives the signal—and the engine (which comes into the Plant as chunks of unshaped, raw metal) begins its test "flight."

Before the engine is considered finished, it is completely disassembled, every part washed and cleaned and minutely examined, and then the reassembled engine is tested a second time. If this second performance meets the rigid requirements of the U.S. Army Air Force, the engine goes to the Shipping department where very elaborate coating and wrapping techniques prepare it for delivery to any part of the world, regardless of weather conditions.

Billions of Therms

That's the story of what will happen at Chrysler's Dodge-Chicago Plant—that's the story of crude metal being converted into giant airplane engines which will soon be writing their own chapter in this war. When production is going full blast, Herr Schickelgruber will really feel the impact of what's coming off the assembly lines in this war plant.

The Dodge-Chicago Plant alone, serviced as it is by billions of therms of vitally-needed gas, is reason enough for Gas Company employes to feel that they are an integral part of a Paul Bunyan war effort. Skilled gas men are as important in Chicago's production drive as the skilled craftsmen on the assembly line. They're all doing the same job—all working for Victory.

On page 2, a night view of the Dodge-Chicago Plant where construction went on 24 hrs. a day. The weekly output of this plant is scheduled to have a rated horsepower equal to the entire generating capacity of Boulder Dam.

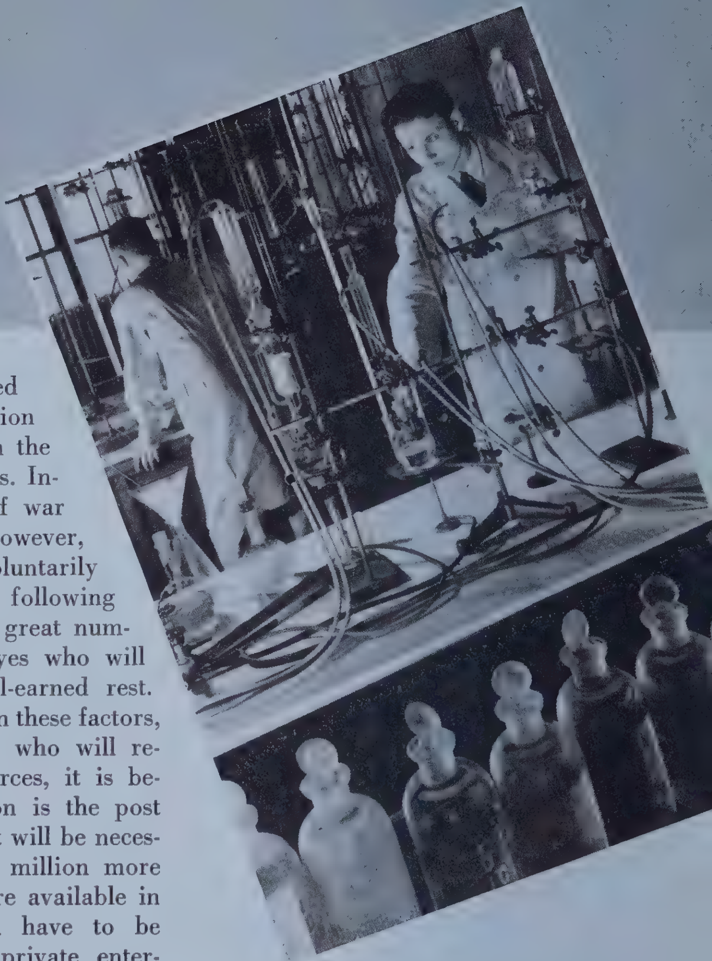
Above, this bit of Illinois prairie has now sprouted the world's largest airplane engine plant. Ground was broken July 1, 1942. September, 1943, finds the plant just about ready for action.

At left, the world's largest factory building. What appears to be another plant in the background is really the other end of the one in the foreground. Its roof covers more than fifty city blocks of land.

Post War Planning

TO WIN THE PEACE

Preparing NOW to avert a post war employment crisis, the Committee for Economic Development is seeking methods of creating millions of jobs for citizens in peacetime industry.



In the laboratories of the nation, materials are being tested and approved which will play a major role in our post war living.

IN experimental laboratories, and over conference tables in all parts of the nation, technicians, professional economists, business executives, and government and civic leaders are tackling a vastly complicated and very important job—planning for post war employment. Seasoned thinkers, men with vision and sound business experience in industries large and small are functioning as members of the Committee for Economic Development, which was organized by Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones several months ago to study ways and means of providing millions of jobs in the shortest possible time after hostilities cease.

"Why" many citizens might ask, "concern ourselves with the problems of peace before the war is won? Why, in the midst of this country's greatest struggle for production and victory should talent be utilized to provide for an uncertain future?"

The answer to Mr. Citizen's question is this: the complete transition from a war to a peacetime economy to accommodate the millions of soldiers, sailors, and civilians who will want post war jobs is an assignment for American industry so staggering in scope that plans must be started now to avoid a long and disastrous period of unemployment later on.

No one wants any part of the widespread misery and discontent which prevailed during the early thirties. Even during 1941, our last year of peace before war was declared, the employment situation was not entirely satisfactory. From six to eight million able employes were unable to obtain work.

At present, it is estimated that 62,000,000 people are employed for all purposes in the United States, and that 20 million of those are engaged in the production of war goods. Included with the host of war production workers, however, are many who will voluntarily return to domestic life following the war, and there are great numbers of overage employes who will be glad to take a well-earned rest. Taking into consideration these factors, and remembering those who will remain in the Armed Forces, it is believed that if 55 million is the post war employment level, it will be necessary to create about 9 million more peacetime jobs than were available in 1940. These jobs will have to be created preferably by private enterprise or, as a last resort, by government or public works projects.

While the path of our post war planners is rocky and steep, there are a few bright signs on the horizon. Through the great stimulation of war production, many new products have been developed, and new uses for old products have been tried and tested. Inventories of goods of all kinds have been depleted and must be replenished. Moreover, ways of doing work have been developed whereby larger unit volumes are constantly being produced by fewer workers. This is also one of the reasons why more jobs must be created. The real significance of this development is that by producing goods at lower unit cost, we make the product available to many more domestic consumers, and potential world markets.

Insofar as the gas industry is concerned, this Company and many other gas utilities throughout the country have formed committees to study post war problems in cooperation with the Committee for Economic Development. A most recent step in this direction was the series of meetings, held last month under the sponsorship of Servel, Inc., in six major key cities, with 500 utility executives in attendance.

The object of the six meetings was to discuss the post war possibilities of Servel's all-year gas air conditioning unit which will be available after the war.

Through the studies and recommendations of the C.E.D. business will be prepared when the war ends to do its part to prevent a damaging period of unemployment, and preserve our system of private enterprise. It can also help to create a higher standard of living than this country has heretofore experienced.

Curiosity—Killer of Cats

HELPS TO MAKE WAR-VITAL SUGGESTIONS

PREPARING for an expected flood of suggestions during the fall and winter, the Suggestion Committee of the Company has used the hot summer months to streamline the Suggestion System's Rules and Regulations.

In spite of the fact that our System has been in operation since 1924, necessary changes at this time were not numerous because minor changes have consistently been made to keep the System abreast of current conditions. As soon as these few revisions are completed, a copy of the new regulations will be sent to every employe.

In the meantime, your Suggestion Committee has a few recommendations to offer which it believes will add many dollars to everyone's "suggestion income." It outlines a successful method whereby many employes have produced outstanding results in the past.

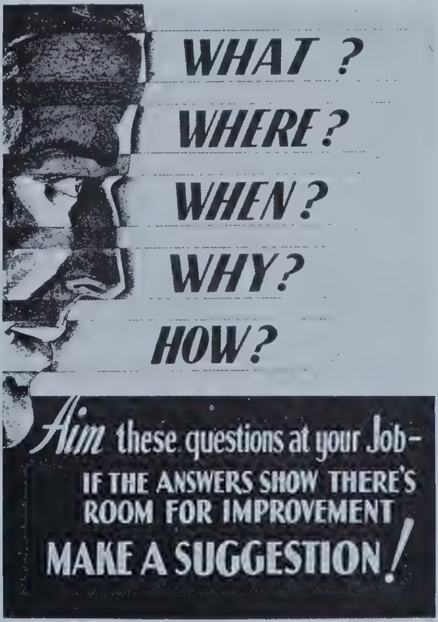
How To Find Your Suggestion

It is said that "curiosity killed a cat," but curiosity about your job will help you to see ways and means by which improvements can be made. View your job objectively and you will be surprised to find that new ways can be developed that will not only improve your daily routine but will actually result in additional cash in your pocket. Learn all you can find out about your job. Ask questions. Find out how your work is related to other sections of your department, how it is related to other departments. In other words, how does your job fit into the general picture? Questions that have assisted a great many employes to gain recognition are "What? Where? When? Why? and How?"

Donald M. Nelson, Chairman of the War Production Board, calls suggestions, "America's Secret Weapons," in our drive to defeat the Axis. Dr. Preston Bradley, in a radio talk, referred to the importance of employes' suggestions when he stated, "We are fighting a war with ideas as much as with guns." There is ample evidence to prove that our war effort has been materially improved by utilizing suggestions submitted by our "American soldiers of production." Our Company is classed as an essential industry so each of you also might be called an "American soldier of production." Every suggestion of yours, which results in a saving of time, machinery, equipment, and vital materials, eliminates waste and promotes safety can be said to be a direct contribution to the war effort. Your Country needs your help, your cooperation, and your knowledge of your job.

We often hear the phrase, "If I were the boss, I would do it this way." Did you ever figure that the Suggestion System gives all of us the chance to voice our opinion as to "how it should be done?" Constructive suggestions are welcomed with open arms and each idea submitted is given painstaking consideration. If an idea of yours can be used, you will be given an award in proportion to the value of the suggestion. On the other hand, when the idea cannot be used, you will be told exactly why it cannot be used. As an additional safeguard, provision is made for a "rehearing" in any case where you are not satisfied that your idea has been properly interpreted or evaluated.

Those who cashed in on their ideas during August are: *Walter Haberichter*, of the Customer Accounting Department, who received $25.00 for his idea which proposed collecting delayed payment charges on average bills paid after due date.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Aim these questions at your Job—
IF THE ANSWERS SHOW THERE'S ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT
MAKE A SUGGESTION!

C. O. Patterson, of the Purchasing Department, also received $25.00 for his suggestion which proposed a change of procedure involving purchase contracts.

Leo La Gesse, of the Central District, received $15.00 for developing a device for removing defective free wheeling caps on building service.

Walter Haberichter

Clarence Patterson

J. P. Spain, of the South District, received $10.00 for proposing changing the swing of doors in the Home Service Auditorium.

Betty Jane Carlson, of the Personnel Department, and *J. D. Moore*, of the Customers Order Department, each received two separate $5.00 awards.

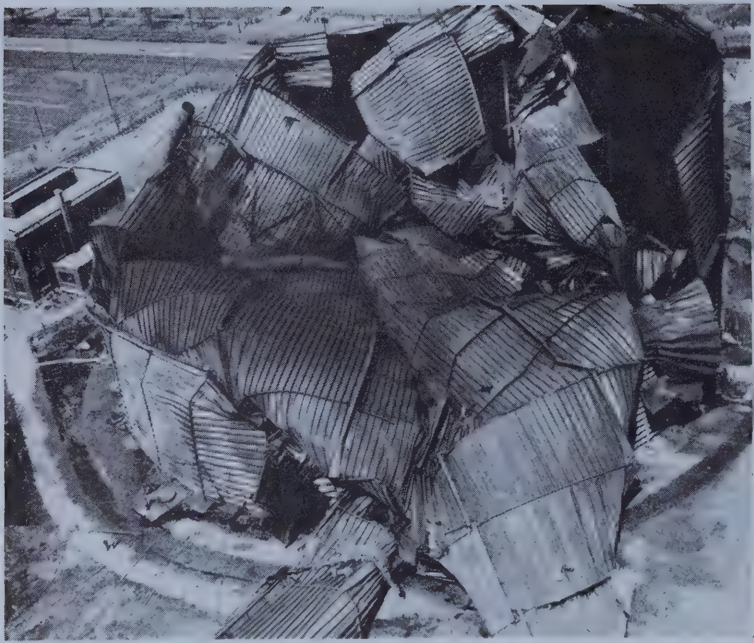
The following employes received $5.00 each on their suggestions:

G. W. Schinkel	Crawford Station
Guy Howard	Collection
J. J. Lis	Customer Acctg
E. W. Rainford	Collection
Patrick J. Daly	Stores
J. A. Teister, Jr.	Central District

Home Front Pledge Week to Begin September 13

THE Office of Price Administration announces an important campaign for the week of September 13 to 18 to be known as "Home Front Pledge Week."

Consumers will be asked to pledge themselves to "Pay no more than top legal prices" and to "accept no rationed goods without giving up ration stamps." Pledge cards and window stickers will supplement an intensive drive by radio and newspapers.



SCRAP FROM 73rd St. HOLDER IS IN THE FIGHT

Scrap Steel From Demolished Holder To Be Converted Into War Material

THE tragedy, on May 21, which brought death to the twelve Army men in the bomber which hit and destroyed the 73d Street Holder, the world's largest, left in its wake 5,500 tons of scrap steel which will eventually find itself converted into the steel parts of guns, trucks, ships, and all the vast assortment of war material needed by our fighting forces.

The contract for clearing the site of the holder has been let to the Clonic Steel Company, of Chicago, and the scrapping work on the holder is about half complete. All of the steel must first be cut by acetylene torch into sizes that can be handled by the shears, which in turn, cut the steel into the small pieces that meet the steel mill scrap specifications.

Plane From Texas

The plane which crashed into the holder left Tarrant Field, Fort Worth, Texas, the morning of the accident on a routine training flight. There were several Army Passengers on board in addition to the crew—a total of 12. When the plane arrived at Chicago, the visibility was extremely poor due to a drizzly rain and an accompanying fog. No commercial planes had landed at the Chicago Municipal Airport since early morning. The Army pilot had established radio contact with the airport control tower and had received landing instructions about 11:40 A.M. The Army plane apparently came in over the airport, missed it and circled around, the pilot trying to orient himself.

Holder Built in 1928

The plane was heard and seen briefly by several persons about a half mile north and somewhat east of the 73rd Street Holder flying southward at a very low altitude. One of the four employes at the 73rd St. Distribution Station, looking northward out of a window because of the sound of the motors, momentarily saw the plane apparently heading for the holder. A crash followed almost immediately, destroying the plane and the holder, and damaging the adjacent building slightly from flying plane debris.

The holder was of the waterless type, built in 1928, and was a 28-sided polygon with a floating piston confining the gas beneath it and preventing the escape of gas around the circumference by a tar seal. The holder was 280 feet in diameter and 373 feet in height from the ground to the edge of the roof. The top of the mast was just slightly less than 500 feet above the ground. At the time of the accident, the holder contained 18 million cubic feet of gas with the piston approximately 300 feet above the ground.

While the exact point of contact of the plane with the holder has not yet been determined, it seems fairly definite that the plane struck the north side of the holder somewhere between the roof and the piston, as evidenced by the fact that all plane parts within the holder have been found on top of the piston and beneath the collapsed roof.

Plane Parts Scattered

Most of the plane penetrated into the holder and parts were strewn throughout the interior. On the east and west sides of the holder, sections of the upper side walls fell outward, landing on the ground adjacent to the holder and for a distance of approximately 180 feet away from the holder. The piston, with the dismembered plane upon it, fell unevenly within the holder, the roof apparently traveling with it. In general, less than one-third of the original structure remained standing. The absence of any serious explosion is indicated by the fact that in the adjacent Compressor House (which is about 75 feet north of the holder) only a few window panes were broken, and these by falling debris from the plane. One bomb bay door crashed through the Boiler Room roof.

The escaping gas probably burned up within a very short time. However, the tar coating the inner walls of the holder, as well as that contained in the tar seal of the piston and also the tar contained in the tar dam at the base of the holder, was ignited and burned for many hours. Because the fire was almost entirely within the steel shell of the holder, with very few openings available for the introduction of water, the inside fire could be quenched only to a very limited extent. After 7:00 P.M., no more water was played upon the holder but the hose streams were inserted in to the gas mains to the holder in order to seal the inverts.

Mains Disconnected

In order more completely to isolate this holder from the general distribution system, in addition to the closure of all pertinent valves, physical disconnection of two gas mains was undertaken. One, a 24-inch line, was severed shortly after midnight, and the other, a 36-inch line, was severed before noon of May 21st. When this physical isolation was completed, all gas mains were filled with water, displacing all gas to the atmosphere.

The holder was insured, and its replacement is a subject under study by officials of the Company.

An aerial view of the Holder taken shortly after it was constructed.

EMPHASIS ON FIRE PREVENTION!

Peoples Gas Building To Be Scene of Fire Prevention Show, October 2 to 16

DURING the two-week period from October 2 to 16, the Peoples Gas Building main floor and Customers Hall will sparkle with colorful exhibits of the Fire Prevention Show. During this war year, when fire prevention has such a profound significance, the Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company will be host to the thousands of visitors and the Fire Prevention Committee of the Chicago Association of Commerce which is cooperating with the Chicago Board of Underwriters and other civic organizations in sponsoring the show.

The exhibits will not only be fascinating to oldsters and youngsters alike; they will be educational, in more ways than one. The booths of various exhibitors will contain modern fire fighting equipment, most of which will be demonstrated at the show to portray the mechanics of fire fighting. Several movies will be shown intermittently to reveal the causes of disastrous fires and give ordinary precautions to be taken in preventing them.

The show is being staged in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, which will be held from October 3 to 9, to commemorate the great Chicago fire of 1871. The theme of this year's fire prevention show is intended to carry a message to thousands of show visitors which will emphasize the tremendous importance of fire prevention to the nation during these days of war emergency. Two pertinent slogans will carry the theme of the Show and of Fire Prevention Week; "Every Fire Delays Victory," and "Carelessness With Fire is Sabotage."

Educating the average citizen in the use of protective equipment is vastly important today, more than ever before, because of the scarcity of fire fighting equipment. Many of the materials used to make this equipment are also needed by the Army and Navy. It is essential, therefore, that the equipment which we now have is being used properly and carefully, and that it is used more effectively. The seriousness of the situation has been recognized by every organization concerned with fire safety.

The Company's Safety Section is cooperating with the Display Section to prepare space for the exhibits in the main salesroom along Adams Street, and in Customers Hall in the main building. E. S. Beaumont, Supervisor of Safety is a member of the Fire Prevention Committee which has the responsibility for making all arrangements for the show. The following organizations will fill exhibit space during the Fire Prevention Show: The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company, Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago Fire Department, Chicago Fire Department Patrols, Insurance Company of North America, Illinois Institute of Technology, Illinois District Telegraph Company, Office of Civilian Defense, The Underwriters Laboratory, Chicago Department of Public Works, Aetna Life and affiliated companies, and the Chicago Public Library.

Fire is an active ally of the Axis. Every fire that destroys factories, homes or other buildings which required labor and material to build, is a reversal for the United Nations. One good insurance against such irreparable losses is an alert populace. An informed citizenry which knows how to prevent fires, and to report one to the proper authorities in time, is able to prevent widespread damage and help to save the many lives which are lost by fire every year.

Tuition Refunds For Those Who Plan Night Study

WITH THE FALL AND WINTER school session beginning, Joseph Hoberg, Personnel, announces that the Company's tuition refund plan will again be in effect.

To be eligible for the refund, which reimburses an employe for one-half of the tuition upon satisfactory completion of the course, it is necessary to place on file in the Personnel office a Record of Education. Courses selected must be closely related to the employe's present work or to work to which he may be advanced.

Club Urges Candidates For Office to Launch Primary Drive Early

With the coming of crisp autumn days and the flutter of leaves, also comes plans for the annual Peoples Gas Club primaries and election. This year the primaries will be held from November 1 to November 10, and the big election day will be November 26.

A committee was appointed by the Club's executive Committee last year to rearrange the voting districts in the company, so that a more nearly equal number of employes would be in each. The Committee is nearing the end of its job, and announces that the realignment of the districts will be completed before ballots are distributed.

The Gas Club election has behind it a wealth of tradition which goes back 25 years. Many of the campaigns were stormy ones, with the campaign managers, candidates, and their backers rolling up sleeves and pitching in with a gusto that made it difficult for many to decide which would be the best man for the job. Much ingenuity was displayed in the handbills, posters, buttons, and gadgets of all kinds, as well as the pep meetings and stump speeches which were staged in every part of the Company.

The Club executive committee urges all employes who are entertaining aspirations for Club office to start their campaigns early this year by reporting their intention to run for office to the encumbent president. The reason behind their request has to do with making the primary balloting an orderly affair, and not one in which there is a presidential nominee in every department, or several in one department.

Date Set for Club Kiddies' Christmas Show At Medinah

It might be a little early to speak about Santa Claus, but children of Gas Club members will be delighted to learn that the Annual Christmas Show of the employes social and recreational organization will be held on December 18, at the Medinah Temple, on the near north side. The Club's entertainment committee has indicated that it is a little too early to reveal the details, but kiddies and employes alike can expect the best show that is possible during these war days.

Community and WAR Fund Drive to Include U. S. O. and War Relief

"Show You Care—Give Your Share," Is Campaign Theme

With the rallying slogan, "Show You Care—Give Your Share," the Community and WAR Fund Campaign will be launched October 4 in Chicago and throughout the nation.

The quota set for the Chicago district is approximately $12,800,000, which will be used for three great causes:

1. To provide funds for the U.S.O.
2. To help war reliefs.
3. To aid the crippled, blind and otherwise handicapped persons, the destitute and aged in our own community.

Thus, these causes for which funds were solicited last year in separate drives are this year combined in a single campaign, enabling each of us to do our share with a single contribution. The need is pressing for none of these activities can be financed from public funds.

There is no limit as to how much each one gives but a suggestion can be taken from another slogan of the drive: "Eight Hours Pay the WAR Fund Way," or at least *one day's pay*.

With the opening of the campaign, subscription cards will be distributed to all employes enabling them to make their contributions on a payroll deduction basis, spread over a period of four months. Give every dollar you possibly can, realizing that there are many new and greater war-time needs which require *extra giving*.

To cite a few examples, your contribution will help the U.S.O. carry on its work here and abroad, a work so important to our fighting men. When you help the U.S.O., you're helping someone you know—a brother, a son, or perhaps the swell kid who lived next door.

Also the money you give will permit war relief organizations to give aid to unfortunates, many of whom otherwise would die from starvation or lack of medical care.

And finally, right here at home, your aid will help swell the amounts available for unemployable destitute, crippled children, the blind and the aged.

Victory Smiles—$5,050 Worth

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Buy
BONDS
STAMPS

Helen Nevins, Employe Records, and Jean Pryor, General Accounting, have a red, white, and blue reason for those big Victory smiles they're wearing. Sunday, August 22, at the Roosevelt theatre, these super-deluxe salesgirls sold $5,050 worth of Bonds for Uncle Sam. Nice going!

THE Women's Slant

BY MARTHA HOLMES, AND MARIE C. MEYERS

Something for the Boys

Did you know that Chicago leads the country in Victory Book contributions this year, with over a million volumes given. Still more are needed. Every month the Chicago Public Library supplies in-coming and out-going troop trains with 20,000 paper covered books. Pacific shipments are in 80,000 lots. Keep on turning in books to brighten the leisure time of our Armed Forces. The Gas Company library or your local branch library will take them, or you may drop them off at the downtown library, Michigan Avenue at Randolph Street.

Versatile Grapes

The season for many of the small fruits, such as strawberries, blackberries, and currants, has passed, but coming to the fore are grapes—ordinary enough but very versatile as far as canning and preparation are concerned. You housewives will undoubtedly be glad to hear that the supply of grapes, according to the Agricultural Marketing Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture, will be normal provided the number of pickers and methods of transportation are not hampered.

We of the Mid-west are particularly fortunate in having easy access to the round, blue Concord grape, a standard variety unexcelled for grape juice, jelly, or table use.

The season for grapes extends from August to early November, and when the peak of the season arrives, other things being equal, there should be sufficient supplies for all. Then grapes in various forms will appear on your shelves along with your other fruits and vegetables which you have canned in anticipation of the coming winter. They may also solve your present day problems for desserts, spreads, and refreshing beverages for fall and winter.

First of importance is the selection of grapes. Choose those bunches that are well formed and nice appearing. Ripeness you can determine by color. Fully ripened grapes are soft to the touch and tender to the taste.

An added incentive to preserving this particular fruit is its nutritive value. Not that it contains an amazing amount of any particular vitamin, mineral, or other body requirements, but it can hold its own with many of the other more commonly eaten fruits, furnishing necessary body builders and regulators in substantial quantities.

As for its versatility, let's see what a number of things can be made of it.

In the realm of canning are: grape jelly (although the grapes must be under-ripe or a commercial pectin will have to be used); grape jam; grape juice, sweetened or unsweetened; grape butter, which is made from the pulp remaining from the juice; grapes for pies; grape conserve with walnuts; and combinations with other fruits.

Next winter a grape meringue pie, a grape tapioca cream, a grape juice Blanc Mange; a grape juice souffle, and numerous other dishes will be a delicious diversion in rounding out your day's meals.

Cooling Influence

At the present time fresh grape pie, grape juice sherbet, and various grape juice combination beverages can be a very cooling influence on a warm day. Try half grape juice, half ginger ale—it will become your favorite emergency drink. Grape lemonade is also excellent in flavor. You might add grape juice ice cubes to almost any fruit concoction.

Crocheted Charm

Here is a neat hat and gauntlet set which has real smartness. It has its practical side, too, in that you can make it for less than a dollar. Make it now to wear on those crisp fall days when you sally forth in tweeds. Directions for this set may be obtained from the GAS NEWS office, Room 1620.

It Goes to Your Head

New . . . the hat called the chaplet. It is a head-hugging band that fits snugly around the head, dipping slightly over the ears. It may be worn alone or with a shallow skull cap. In addition to being a completely new style, it is excellent for keeping the hair smooth and sleek looking.

For a Rainy Day

Make that bridal shower you are planning a U.S. War Savings Stamp shower. It's patriotic, it's practical, and the bride will love it.

Plant Prescription

Water your house plants around the top edges of the earth rather than directly in center of plant. This is said to eliminate the possibility of roots rotting.

Belts Get Around

This fall many smart girls will give newness and chic to a not-so-new dress by adding one of the striking, new wide belts. Calfskin studded with glittering nailheads is one favorite. Another is a handsome leopard skin.

WAR BONDS ARE A SEAL OF FAITH

OUR GUARDS

Take Auxiliary Police Training

For the past few months, the plant guards, who protect the Company's properties throughout the city have been receiving instruction in a training course under the auspices of the U. S. Government to more fully prepare them for their wartime duties as Federal Auxiliary Military Police.

The course of instruction, which is given under the direction of Captain Allan D. Ballentine, of the U. S. Army Sixth Service Command, consists of one-day-a-week training for the duration of the war. Various phases of the course are covered by motion picture showings, while others are taught by means of demonstrations and practice.

Regular Army instructors teach them military drill, coach them on the use of various types of fire fighting apparatus, help them with scientific jiujitsu holds for hand to hand personal encounter, give them tips on pistol firing and tell them how to protect property under various circumstances which are likely to arise during the war emergency.

In a south side armory, regular Army instructors teach the uniformed guards close order drill. The men are learning to identify various types of fire fighting apparatus, and are

The main gate of Crawford Station is shown at right. As in other Company properties, employes and others having business at the station must show the proper credentials before being allowed to enter.

The two circular pictures at the top of the page were taken during a demonstration of one of the many "holds" which the guards learn for close hand to hand combat. The first picture shows Michael Boyle, left, grappling with Casper Hehm. Picture two shows how policeman Hehm makes his victim helpless. In the background, Sgt. Geo. Johnson, and Captain Allan D. Ballentine, of the U. S. Army, give them the "know how."

becoming adept at using them. For hand to hand personal encounter, the men are receiving plenty of practice on bone-crushing jiujitsu holds, including methods of disarming opponents at close range. Even at a distance, a would-be saboteur will have a tough time of it, for the Company's police are becoming excellent marksmen with a pistol.

The Company's guards were officially Federalized on November 24, 1942, by the Internal Security Division of the 6th Service Command, an action which had the effect of making the guard force of the Company become civilian auxiliaries to the military police for active service in the event of a local wartime emergency. The guards are functioning under the supervision of Captain C. G. Essig of the Operating Division.

In the above picture, a squad of the guards are lined up for inspection before Captain Ballentine and Capt. C. G. Essig, shown at the extreme right. Doing a "right dress" are: Ralph Benecki, Roy Danielson, Otto Andres, Gustave Scheck, Harry Blundy, and Thomas Crowley.

Several guards are shown on the pistol range of a south side armory receiving some pointers from their instructor. In the picture are: Gustave Scheck, Joseph Marvinac, Ally Baker, Captain Ballentine, Roy Danielson, and Daniel Enright.

They Left for Service During August

Albert J. Allen
Thomas L. Burke
Alexander F. Cihoski
Lowell C. Cockel, Jr.
Martin Connor
John N. Davis
Edward A. Dorgan
Frederick T. Duke
James R. Fleming
Martin P. Foy
Ernest J. Hellstern
John T. Hennigan, Jr.
Clarissa S. Kelch
William A. Koehler
Dorothy J. Le Tourneau
Richard T. Mc Lamore
Walter Mehrholz
Arnold R. Menet
Thomas F. Mulvihill
Michael Nee
Thomas E. Nichol #2
Walter A. Potts
Frank A. Seegar

Gas Range Book is Popular

The range booklet being received by Jeanne Devereaux from Julius Rothenberg, of 63rd St. Branch, has attracted considerable attention, not only in Chicago, where it is being distributed to customers who ask for it, but in other parts of the U.S. Employes can obtain one by writing to the Customers Order Department.

Schunk and Courtney Win Gas Club Tennis Titles

The tennis crown on the Peoples Gas Club girls tennis league rests upon the head of Margaret Courtney, Customer Accounting, who emerged in first place after the 10 weekly sessions at the Oak Park Tennis Club. Mary Reid of the customer accounting department took second place.

Instead of holding a one-day tournament this year to close the season's activities, the sixteen girls have planned a dinner party at which they will discuss their season's activities and distribute prizes.

Top honors in the men's tennis league went to Frank Schunk, Accounting, who toppled six of his seven opponents during the summer matches held at the Oak Park Tennis Club. Tennis Chairman Mike Nolan, Bookkeeping, swept through group two to finish the season in the lead.

Vice President R. B. Harper is pictured above speaking before a class at the Institute of Gas Technology, Illinois Institute of Technology, 3300 Federal Street. His talk was a part of the Institute's seminar orientation course, which began last fall, and which features talks and discussions by members of the industry on various phases of gas technology. Mr. Harper covered the first major topic, describing the history and development of the gas industry.

Ration Boards Control Sale of Gas Appliances

A recent government order has transferred the authority to grant an individual permission to buy certain gas appliances from the W.P.B. to the O.P.A.

As a result, a customer who wishes to buy an appliance now goes to his local ration board. Members of the board will consider his request, and if the need is justifiable, will issue him a ration stamp with which he may purchase the desired appliance.

R. E. O'Neill Dies

Robert E. O'Neill, Executive Office Assistant, Customers Service Division, died at his home on September 1.

Mr. O'Neill, who had more than 29 years of service with the Company, was active in Gas Club and Gas Post affairs for many years. He served the Club as its entertainment chairman in 1940, and was elected president in 1941. The Legionnaires elected him commander of Peoples Gas Post, American Legion, during 1937.

THE 3rd WAR LOAN IS A $15,000,000,000 DRIVE

V Letters FROM OUR MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

Warren McLaughlin, SF 2/C
c/o Postmaster
New York, N.Y.

I haven't much news for you—only that I'm in good condition with a few complaints, but nothing out of the ordinary. Things have been looking pretty good here lately. Hope they keep up.

My three brothers are in Service now. Sure didn't take long to muss up a good happy home—but we're not the only ones.

Say hello to all the fellows.

Lt. (j.g.) T. B. Petty, U.S.N.R.
F.P.O. San Francisco, Calif.

Am now polishing off my fifth month on this rock and my seventh away from the U.S.A. It really hasn't been bad thus far. For one thing, we are just busy enough so that time passes quite rapidly, yet not so busy that we can't work in a daily siesta. And, in this climate, that is almost a necessity. The Navy—seemingly as good a provider as the Army—is really going all out to keep us happy. Plenty of good chow, movies every night, and as many of the comforts of home as are possible.

Some kind soul has kept the GAS NEWS well informed on my various addresses so that I've received every copy right on time—which is more than I can say for Esquire and New Yorker. Jordan and the rest of the scribes indeed do very well in covering the news front.

From William Kelly
North Africa
(Formerly Tabulating Section)

One bad point about this North African town is that they roll the streets up at about 8 o'clock in the evening. Everything closes, so all you can do is go to a movie. The drinks over here consist of a very poor imitation of beer and which they seldom have. Wine is mostly all that is available. No whiskey at all, and no 10th floor cola. We've had parties with W.A.C.s and we have a baseball team that plays once a week. So it isn't so bad over here.

From Sgt. Dave Dunning, at Camp Callan, California comes the above photo of himself and the girl who has been "Mrs." Dunning since March 1.

Cpl. Frank Izzo
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

This is the most ideal climate I've ever been in. Although we are in the winter season here, the days are mighty warm and the nights have been fairly warm, considering how cold they used to get. Don't even get cold feet any more and, Brother, you can't realize what that means to me. I always thought Texas had a good climate, but this "Aussie" land beats it all. No, I'm not getting any ideas about staying over here when this thing is over with. It's me for home as soon as they say so.

Right now our washing machine is out of order. Seems as though the fellows were abusing the thing and it was getting out of order so much that the authorities refuse to have it repaired again. However, our iron is still going and, after we scrub our clothes by hand, we still can iron them. Will let that remark about us guys making good wives when we get back pass.

Would like to see a little more of this country if I could. Although it's a little behind times, it has great possibilities. Any guy with a little initiative could make himself a good living here. And you'd be surprised at how many U.S. boys are thinking of coming back to this place.

E. M. Broderick, SM 2/C, U.S.N.R.
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

Censorship here is still the same and probably will continue especially in this branch of Service, due to the many moves a fellow may make. As to getting souvenirs and such sent home—there is still the Parcel Post. Many of the fellows here have gone in for articles made by the natives—wooden combs, war clubs, and grass skirts. Getting these things now is quite a problem due to the demand.

Cpl. Frank Newman
c/o Postmaster
Los Angeles, Calif.

Just a line to say "hello" and to thank you for the regular delivery of the GAS NEWS. I read it from cover to cover.

You people back home are doing a wonderful job with your Victory gardens, blood donations, etc., and it encourages us here to do our work, too.

FROM JOHN BRUST, formerly of Treasury-Receiving, comes word, written at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, that he was moving to a new base where he will complete his training as a flying cadet in the U. S. Navy. "This navigation is a very interesting subject," writes Brust. "You sit down and spend anywhere from three to four hours in the middle of the Pacific, flying from carrier to island, etc., only to find that you are lost because the wind changed ten minutes after you started." As the above was written a month ago, John has by this time acquired the proficiency which will make him one of the Navy's best flyers.

Health
HOW TO KEEP IT

DR. HAROLD STEINBERG

Do you have tuberculosis? That question can be answered by your family physician, or by your Company physician, and by a recognized health agency, but only after a careful medical examination has been performed, including a chest X-ray and other indicated laboratory procedures.

Are there symptoms that are characteristic of a tuberculous infection? Unfortunately, in the early stages of tuberculosis the individual may not suffer from any symptoms. More often tuberculosis is not an acute process like a cold or a pneumonia appearing in the course of a few days. It is slow in its onset and presents symptoms of abnormal tiredness usually in the afternoon, some mild weight loss, and the presence of a persistent cough with or without expectoration. If by some chance this person has his temperature taken, a mild but persistent elevation in the late afternoon or evening may be present. On occasion there may be some associated chest pain, some loss of strength, and the appearance of night sweats. It is not unusual for the first symptom to be the coughing up of blood or blood-streaked sputum. If this occurs in any individual who has previously considered himself perfectly well, he should go to a doctor immediately, and ask that in addition to the medical examination an X-ray of his chest be taken.

I have not enumerated these symptoms in order that you can make your own diagnosis of tuberculosis on yourself, or a member of your family, or on a fellow employe. No layman can diagnose tuberculosis. These symptoms are not diagnostic of tuberculosis alone. It is only after these are correlated by the physician with the findings on medical examination, the chest X-ray, an examination of the sputum or stomach washing for the tubercle bacillus, that a definite diagnosis of tuberculosis can be made or ruled out. Always consult a doctor for a competent opinion.

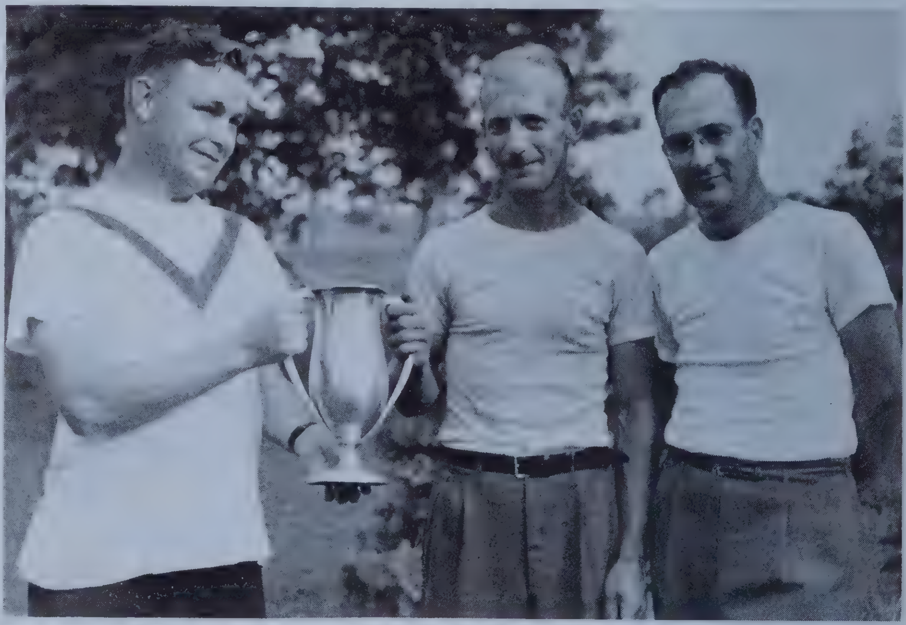
STOGENTINE WINS RANNEY CUP

Defeats Reimer for Possession of Trophy at Fall Golf Tourney

Benjamin Stogentine, of the Chicago District Pipeline Company, is the new possessor of the G. A. Ranney golf trophy, having defeated last year's winner, Harry Reimer, Engineering. Stogentine shot a 79 and won one up. Harry Reimer shot eighty. The Trophy playoff took place as a special feature of the Peoples Gas Club golf tournament, held at White Pines, August 21.

During the four years that the men players have battled for the cup's possession, no person has won more than once. An employe must win the cup three times, not necessarily in succession, before he can call the trophy his own. The 32 low gross scorers in the Club's spring tournament competed during summer-long matches to decide who was to play in the finals.

The low gross winner of the Club's regular men's tournament was Milo Maione, of Crawford Station, who scored a 78. In the girls' tournament, Hariet Monahan, Bookkeeping, shot the lowest score to win the prize.



Golf Chairman John Solon hands the silver Ranney Trophy to the 1943 winner of the summer-long match play, Benjamin Stogentine. Last year's winner and finalist in the 1943 contest is Harry Reimer, shown at right.

Men and Women Bowlers Launch Season, Sept. 17

On September 17 bowling pins in the Bensinger Recreation Building will be scattering, for that is the date when the men's and women's leagues of the Peoples Gas Club will begin their fall and winter onslaught of the alleys. Ten men's teams have signed up to play; others may be added before the starting date. One new feature of the 43-44 season is the earlier starting time, which is 6:15 instead of 8:15.

Ten teams have been organized in the Women's league this season, with a greater array of prizes than last year. They'll start the ball rolling at 6 p.m.

No Change in Eight-Ball Safety Contest Standings

No appreciable changes have been recorded in the standings of the Eight-Ball Company-wide Safety standings during the past month, according to figures supplied by the Safety Section.

The departments having perfect records so far in the contest are: Research and Testing, Chicago District Pipeline Company, Warehouse Building department, Division Street Station, and 23rd Street Station. Those which are now the reluctant possessors of the black trophies are: Central District, Meter Reading, North Station, Chicago By-products, and Gas Building.

Gas Post Record Drive Brings In 2,400 Old Disks for Yanks

Sixty-nine gas men and women heeded the request of Peoples Gas Post for old phonograph records, dug into attics and odd corners to produce 2,408 of the musical disks for the enjoyment of men overseas.

Men on the fighting fronts will probably re-echo the sentiments expressed by Record Drive Chairman Jesse Dowen, who said: "The members of Gas Post are very grateful for the excellent cooperation shown by those who participated in the drive, and indirectly we extend the thanks of the yanks who will enjoy them in remote areas where no other form of entertainment is available."

The drive began on July 19, and ended on August 31. The members of the Post's Record Drive Committee are: Jesse Dowen, Customers Order, Chairman; L. D. Keeslar, Purchasing; S. J. Modzikowski, Testing; T. R. Bogumill, South Shop; Tom Keeley, North Shop; George Keller, Customers Order, and Walter Ohmacht, Credit and Collection. Key men who handled much of the "heavy work" are Legionnaires John Hardin, Bill Delivery; C. L. Sullivan, Customers; E. B. McMahon, Collection, and J. F. Collins, Office of the Building.

Service Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER, 1943

40 YEARS

Anderson, Charles R., Production-73rd St. Holder

35 YEARS

Kiner, William P., Phy. & Chem. Testing
McKernan, William J. Customers Order
Berggren, Tyr W., North District
White, Robert, Central District

30 YEARS

Rice, Ennis, Customer Accounting-Bkp'ng.
Sobieski, Joseph A. Customer Accounting-Bkp'ng.
Donohue, James Joseph, Customers'

25 YEARS

Gramse, Arthur E., Auditing
Smith, Ellen A., Customer Accounting-Bkp'ng.
Mittelman, Frieda, Customer Accounting-Bkp'ng.
Palzen, Kate Caroline, Customer Accounting-Bkp'ng.
Crozier, Sophia, Customer Accounting-Billing
Trauscht, Celia M., Customer Accounting-Billing
Johnson, Bertle V., Cr. & Collection
Clarke, Joseph Francis, Customers'
Parks, Joseph, North District
Feeney, Lucille A., Customers Order
Morrison, Keith K., Meter Reading
Heller, Frederick, Claim
Lass, Rose, Treasury-Receiving
Nanay, Eugene, North District
Pyter, Michael, Production-110th St. Station
Langdon, George A., Meter Repair

Retired from Service September 1, 1943

Archibald C. MacArthur Chicago District Pipeline	40 years 2 months
Charles T. Duke Gas Building	33 years 9 months
Michael McDonagh South District	38 years 11 months
Charles H. Stuart Collection	43 years 11 months
John J. Thies North District	19 years 2 months

Gas Ads

For Sale: A number of pairs of women's shoes in excellent condition. Sizes 5½A and 5½AA. Two pair are Palter de Liso Salon Models. Colors are Dubonnet, Navy, Black and Brown (suede and plain leathers). Call Cedarcrest 7280 after 7 P.M. for more information. If you can wear any of these shoes, you can practically name your own price.

Wanted to Buy: A baby stroller. Call Keystone 7146.

Wanted: Metal walker. New or used. Call Extension 318.

Safety Convention Oct. 5 to 7

Stressing the theme, save manpower for warpower, the 32nd Annual National Safety Congress and Exposition will be held at the Sherman, Morrison, and LaSalle Hotels, in Chicaago, from October 5 to 7. At the convention sessions will be held to cover every phase of safety, and to exemplify its importance to the nation during these days of war.

LIBRARY
NOTES

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

A manual which should be as useful as a wrench or a screw driver in the fitters' tool kit, is the A.G.A. GAS APPLIANCE SERVICE MANUAL, Vol. 4, on CENTRAL HEATING EQUIPMENT. This manual contains adjusting and servicing instructions for the equipment produced by the representative manufacturers of Central Heating Equipment. Each manufacturer's instructions cover specific problems pertaining to his equipment. It is intended for use in manufactured, mixed, and natural gas properties. It does not include butane-air or bottled gas equipment, nor does it include the treatment of equipment during the work of changing from one gas to another. The procedures are only suggested ones; they are not mandatory, they do not represent a code nor even officially recommended practices.

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We have received a copy of the bound mimeograph proceedings of the joint meeting of the Electric and Gas industry accountants which was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 27-28, 1943. The reports are grouped in four sections; the General, Customer Activities Group, General Accounting Group, and Purchasing, Stores and Transportation Group. A total of twenty-four reports were presented by the respective committee members of the Edison Electric Institute, and the American Gas Association.

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Procedure handbook of arc welding, design and practice, published by the Lincoln Electric Company, presents in convenient form the basic information on arc welding process in its various forms; also the essential data for its use in welding various types of steel, iron and non-ferrous metals. A large portion of the handbook is also devoted to designing for arc welded construction of machinery and structures. Many design examples of machinery elements and units are included, also examples of various forms of structural details applicable to many types of structures.

GAS around the World

BY WILLIAM HELME

Contented war workers—Altho the primary role of gas in war time is direct industrial heat application, it is also playing a vital part in the comfort of war workers in thousands of huge munition, aircraft and equipment factories. With its ready versatility, it has become a particularly convenient medium of comfort conditioning which prevents lost work hours, illness and eliminates poor production.

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Morale booster — At a giant B-24 bomber plant recently completed near Fort Worth, Texas, natural gas handles the whole job of air conditioning, ventilating and heating one of the world's largest aircraft plants. Comfort and health-protection for many thousands of workers, plus dozens of novel features to maintain the high morale, is made possible with the varied utilization of gas.

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How it works—The plant is so designed that every worker, no matter what the job, enjoys exactly the proper temperature and humidity for that particular operation. Thus, the men who handle heat-producing riveting and metal stamping machines receive cooler, drier air, while those who spray-paint the lumbering bombers receive only washed, dried and purified air at a higher temperature. Moreover, there is no need for any employe to risk colds or respiratory ailments when leaving a cool factory for the hot outdoors during warm weather, since the gas fired air conditioning system flexibly builds up the temperature ahead of each "shift" so that little or no sensory shock occurs.

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World series habit—In Los Angeles recently a gas company announced that it would have sixty gas refrigerators to sell. Appearing on the scene at 9:30 the night before the sale were prospective customers who wanted to be sure to get one. Newspapers published photographs showing customers sleeping on the sidewalk outside the door.

DEPARTMENTAL SECTION

Service Dispatching

BY GEORGE T. KAZUNAS

Vacation notes: We haven't heard "What and Where" from Joe Mittelman, but Dan Collins found Chicagoland very friendly and interesting. . . . SPORTS: Ray Warne repeated another swell Starting job at the Golf outing. Larry O'Connor and Grace Whited did an impromptu dance routine for the entertainment of their golfing friends. . . . HOBBIES: Harry Burns has mastered a number of Irish dances. How about "doing your stuff" for us, Harry? Ray Schmitz has perfected a method of applying finger nail enamel. Girls of the Meter Record rave about the results. . . . WELCOMES: To Adolph Egli, back from Military Service. He has resumed duties at Fitters' School. . . . DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT NOTES: Also, a friendly welcome to Pearl Lindemann who will perform stenographic duties formerly polished off by Charley Mitchell, who will now keep North District's typewriter humming.

General Accounting

BY PETER GILLIGAN

Looks like Wendell Willkie was right—it is a small world. Lt. Jim Sheehy, after spending some nine months travelling around the nation receiving his primary and specialized training, has finally been assigned to what looks like his permanent base. He's working on War Contracts Renegotiations in the McCormick Building—just two blocks south of here. . . . Dorothy Anderson, formerly of the Tabulating section and now a Petty Officer 3rd Class, can also affirm W. W.'s homely philosophy. After training at Hunter's College, New York, and the Navy Training school in Cedar Falls, Iowa, Dorothy has been assigned to Abbott Hall, the Navy's 90 day version of Annapolis, a short distance north of the Loop. . . . Jerry Reilly, as chipper as ever and looking as if he enjoyed the Army, was in the office for a short visit while enjoying a respite from his duties at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. Hank Rolston claims Jerry has the whole camp following him around—trying to discover a few of Jerry's novel ways of getting out of work. . . . Hal Rubly, our department's latest inductee, writes from Gulfport, Mississippi, that he is beginning to get accustomed to Army routine. . . . To conclude all reports on Helen Sheehan's bike-riding, we hasten to retract any disparaging remarks we may have made regarding her pedal-pushing technique. On her recent vacation, she not only managed to ride her recently acquired two-wheeler to Lake Zurich, her original objective, but cycled past it in high and continued to Round Lake a distance of almost fifty miles.

South Sales Section

BY WALTER CAHILL

Our boys at the front are keeping up a lively correspondence. Pictured here is the group they are keeping cheered up. Roy Munroe was the photographer. He was fleet-footed enough to get in the picture. . . . Jean Devereaux has gone to Washington, D. C. to join her father.

The picture below represents the personnel of the South Sales section as of June 15. A copy of the photo was mailed to each of the ten employes from the Section who are now serving Uncle Sam. Response from the men was immediate and gratifying. On their own time the employes have made copies from the letters received from each, and mailed them to the other nine in service. By this means the men are kept in constant touch with not only the employes remaining, but those on the various fighting fronts.

Central District

BY JOHN F. BALCOM

Now that vacations are a thing of the past for most of us, bowling and Shop forum meetings will be the topic of conversation during the next few months to come. . . . Before this issue of the NEWS reaches your hands, the 1943–1944 bowling season, for the shop, will have started, and many enjoyable evenings of fun and entertainment will be appreciated by not only the bowlers but also those sitting on the sidelines. If you are not a member of the bowling league, don't let that stop you from coming over on Friday evenings to the Madison & Cicero Bowling Alleys, and cheer the boys along. . . . Sept. 28, 1943, is the date set aside for the first Shop Forum Meeting of the 1943–1944 season. Seeing that this is the first meeting of the new season, let's all keep this date in mind and try to be on hand when the meeting is called to order. . . . James O'Boyle, Thomas Burke, Thomas Mulvihill and Arthur Shea are four more Central District men who heeded Uncle Sam's call, and are now members of the U. S. Navy. We at Central not only wish you fellows lots of luck, but also hope that it will only be a short time till you will be back here with us again. . . . During the past few weeks we were happy to see Frank Hajdich, U. S. N., Francis Hartnett, U. S. N. and James Ciolino, U. S. A., while they were home on leave. It was swell seeing you fellows, and don't forget to let us hear from you soon again. . . . To all those who are at home because of illnesses and also to Sam Crbut's son who just recently has been taken ill, we wish a speedy recovery and hope to see and hear that you are back in the best of health very shortly. . . . The recent Gas Club Golf Tournament was well attended by members of the Central District, and everyone who participated reports having an enjoyable time.

Frank and Ronnie Ceasario help harvest part of the bumper crop of vegetables from the family Victory Garden.

Corporal Antalovic, formerly at Central District, is now with the 330th Engineers.

Correspondence

BY ESTHER FREDERICK

Back in Chicago for a fifteen-day furlough, Dick Fredericksen found time to come up and visit with us. He looks just grand and is the same Dick. . . . We were a little saddened at the news that Ed Ziemba had stopped a piece of shrapnel, and sincerely hope it was just a very slight injury and is the only thing in the war that had "his name on it." As Ed said, "It's a piece of shrapnel which I hate to be in the way of when that thing's flying through the air." . . . From the South Pacific islands comes word that the island's mosquitoes are so very fond of Bill Lydon they simply will not let him be. They much prefer his company to that of the other members of his outfit. . . . Bill Lubben is still very much absorbed in his school books and at this writing is in Lowell, Massachusetts. Congratulations are in order to our Willie because Rita is wearing the ring. Good wishes and good luck, Bill; we're with you all the way! Myrtle Gosch was on a merry-go-round for ten days while the one and only Michael was in town; California is a long way off—too far Myrtle thinks.

Purchasing Department

BY HELEN LAMEIKA

French, Japanese, Polish, and Esperanto are mastered effectively by and credited to Bill MacDonald's knowledge since his return from the Army. We'll gladly invite any linguist to hear those verbose utterances just to prove that this is not merely a play of Bill's imagination. . . . Clarence Patterson spent all summer raising vegetables in his Victory garden and now—wise, economical Jim Bouchier challenges him to sprout a market of the produce up here—for Jim's own benefit and free, no doubt. . . . Mr. Bouchier, incidentally, spent his vacation visiting his home town—Chicago.

Budget Department

BY CHARLES M. JENSEN

John Davis, now of the Army, is enroute to a still unknown training camp; Marvin Cox reports everything under control at his location, an unknown foreign spot; Bill Sauer (Lt.) is in Texas roasting (so he says) in the heat; and Coast Guardsman Bill Peters still commutes from Grand Haven every other week-end. . . . When the fish promise to bite, John Carson will go north for a vacation.

Tax & Property Acctg.

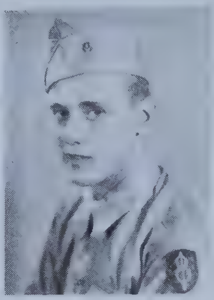
BY DOROTHY TEUBER

Although vacations are just about over we still hear echoes of them. Eleanor Nakenan and Annette Noren traveled and visited New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. . . . Joe Taylor came back from Spooner, Wisconsin with plenty of fish stories . . . Mike Jelinek also went to Wisconsin to fish but still we have no evidence of these stories . . . Marg Quan, Alice Wasson, Ted Koenig and Ed Taber enjoyed their vacations seeing Chicago sights . . . On August 23 Duke Granberg became a very proud grandfather. Congratulations! . . . The office doesn't seem the same without jolly Frank Seegar who has left us to serve in the U. S. Army someplace in Georgia . . . Clarissa Kelch is taking her basic Marine training at New River, North Carolina. Best of luck to both of you . . . The picture furnishes evidence of a jolly noon hour picnic in Grant Park a few weeks ago.

At a noon hour excursion in Grant Park, the following young ladies from Tax and Property Accounting had fun. They are, Esther Timmerman, Phyllis Wolgemuth, Eleanor Westlake, Mary Kalb, Dorothy Teuber, and Margaret Quan.

Photographic

BY MYRLE THATCHER


B. W. Marek

Servicemen's news: What a pleasant surprise we had when one of "our boys," Pfc Bruno W. Marek, walked in. After having spent several months training in the "desert maneuvers area," Bruno will now report to Camp Forrest, Tennessee following his ten-day furlough. So—this month we proudly feature—none other than our own Pfc Bruno W. Marek.

Vacation & Home News:—The happy little giggle one hears around the Photo dept. is our own Shirley Wright, back with us after spending her vacation at Delavan, laid up with a broken collarbone. It is said we learn by experience—ask Shirley!!!—Vic "Chief" Knitter is spending his vacation painting his home. The only "vacation" Vic is getting is the "*resting spells*" between each slap of the paint brush.

Tabulating

BY CATHERINE HEANEY

Remember, gang, "Doing nothing is the most tiresome job in the world; you can't stop and rest." . . . The night work on the Postal Zones is going strong. . . . According to the repair man, Fred Delsing, this is the PEOPLES GAS, LIGHT & COLA CO. . . . We had a lot of excitement one day caused by the personal appearances of Sailor (Honorman) Walter Brewer, tanned and grand; and little James Anthony Colby, in the arms of his mother. . . . Pretty nice to stand around leaning on the file cabinets, George Annen. . . . Thank-you, Dolores Taylor, for your Birthday candy, and to Lorraine Isom, especially because you're so new in the department. . . . Carol Meany's Joe is in Iceland as per the middle of August. . . . Marian Frude knows what it is to go through a screen door without opening it. . . . Jim Shields was in from deep in the heart of Texas. . . . Tom Dorgan is doing I. B. M. for the Navy in Cleveland. . . . Hello new ones, including Marie Bartlett and Ann Cavaleir from the Books. So-long, school people.

Calumet Station

BY WILTON BROWN

We were all startled at hearing the rich baritone voice of Hans Quastler pouring out of the shower recently. Since that is the first time this has happened for many years, we conclude that the Love Bug bit quite deeply this time. When are we going to meet the charming girl, Hans? . . . We have missed our clerk, Tom Creighton, who has been laid up for several weeks. Hurry back, Tom. . . . We all miss William Koehler, who left our guard service for the Merchant Marines. Our loss is their gain. . . . Your scribe spent two weeks seeing points of interest in Chicago. Very enjoyable and interesting, too. . . . Interesting letters have been received from our Lt. William Egan. These letters are always welcome. Which reminds us—DID YOU WRITE A SERVICEMAN TODAY?

Customers

BY RICHARD CAHILL

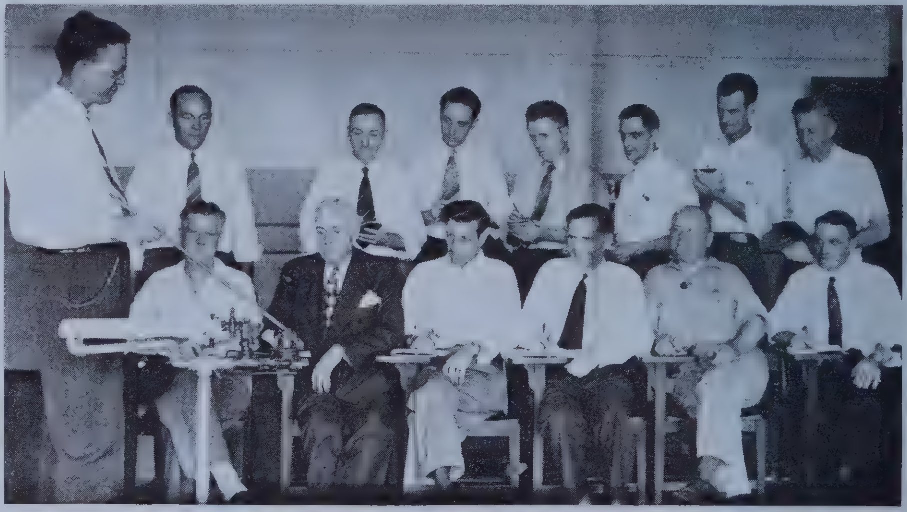
Hats off to Art Weber who wouldn't take 4F for an answer. Art convinced the Army officials that he wears glasses just for appearance's sake, and now he's busily engaged with the duties of a Private. . . . Pvt. Gene Sommers wrote a nice, long letter from the ??? desert (military secret). Gene says it's cool there when the temperature drops to 120 degrees. . . . Pictured below is Carl Haase (instructor de-luxe) explaining the operation of a gas burner. Carl and Jim Parks are conducting the yearly brush-up course in gas heating plants. . . . The gasoline problem was solved by Leo Tracy. He can be seen any morning, rolling along Loomis Boulevard on his bicycle. . . . Bert Smith, another cyclist, is wondering how long it would take to pedal in from Oak Park. He overhauled his grand-daughter's "Elgin" and it works so well that Nancy has to hurry to get home before Grandpa, or he is out for his evening spin. . . . Joe Doody returned with positive proof of spending his vacation in the sun. He is now sporting a beautiful coat of tan. . . . We will be quite surprised if some of our boys don't win prizes at the Garden show. The tomatoes Harry Smith brings to the office would win a prize in any contest. . . . Denny Bell and Bill Hill also promise to produce some fine exhibits.

Bookkeeping

BY RITA CONLON

A very hearty welcome is wished to our newcomers, Elsa Hand, Mary Coughlin, and Lorraine Le Gault. . . . On Friday of each week a War Bond is raffled off in our department, the proceeds going into our Servicemen's Fund. Up to now the winners are Dorothy Hendrickson, William Burkhardt, Pat Hayes, and Frieda Schlecht. . . . Lillian Blythe vacationed in Canada, visiting with her family. . . . A visit to McHenry, Illinois, occupied Cora Collins' vacation days, and Helen Gnaedinger selected Waukegan. . . . Frank Krempel reported a real nice time in Delavan, Wisconsin. . . . The rest of our vacationers found their time very well spent in Chicago. . . . Jim Perkins is waiting for Mr. Money Man to call him again and ask the 95 dollar question. Many are wondering if the gardenia glows in the dark? Congratulations! to Marion Ecker, who has recently become engaged. . . . Josephine Madiol left to become the bride of Lt. James Walsh. They are now making their home in Texas. . . . We have received word from Dick Carey that he arrived in North Africa and is getting along fine. We enjoy hearing from the boys who are in service and hope they will keep up their good spirit of writing so often. . . . Tom Lollis, on furlough from Georgia, dropped in to say "hello." . . . Your scribe turned the tables by finding her birthday cake before the ice cream arrived.

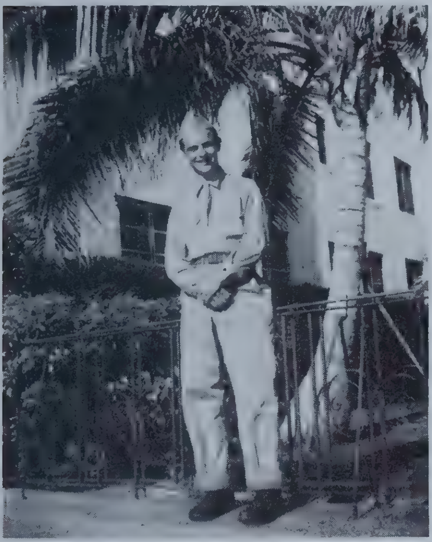
Carl W. Haase, Customers Order, with his class of Customer contact men who are receiving a "brush-up" course on various types of heating equipment serving our customers.



Personnel

BY MARIAN BRYANT

One Sunday night recently, Helen Nevins was the amazed saleslady who sold $5,050 worth of Bonds to Victory-minded Americans. That smile helped too, Helen. We're proud of you! . . . There's another little "gem" in the Dr. Harry Crystal family—Ruth Patricia is her name. . . . Lt. Stanley Eaton of the U. S. Navy stopped off for a brief visit en route to California. May you have smooth sailing ahead. . . . Private Bob Bing is stationed at Miami Beach, Florida, and reports Army life to his liking. . . . Yvonne Hewitt spent a pleasant week at Pine Lake, Indiana; Marian Young chose Indianapolis for her vacation, and Shirley Stetler decided a restful stay-at-home vacation was the thing for him this year. . . . We welcome Patricia Jarchow to the Employe Record section. . . . Our bowling team is going all out for Victory this season with no rationing of strikes!



Pvt. Bob Bing in a tropical setting

South District

BY JOHN F. SCHULDT

Jack Harris has been transferred to Sunny California to complete his flight training. . . . Bob Del Vecchio is attending school here in Chicago. . . . Word from Tommy Fitzmaurice informs us that he is well and busy all the time. Tom has seen considerable action in Africa. . . . Eddie Barrett, still at Camp McCoy, was in for a visit. . . . Congratulations to John Dunne on the birth of a baby girl. . . . Mike Roach and Mike McDonagh have been pensioned. Roach was retired at the end of July, after serving the Company for 39 years. McDonagh left us the end of August; he was also with the Company for 39 years. Both men were presented with watches from their fellow employes, and we all wish them the best of luck for the years to come.

Auditing

BY ALBERT DRIGOT

Income—Joseph Hayes, formerly of the Customer Accounting Department, and Ralph W. Maass, a newcomer, join the staff. . . . Dividends—Milan, Jr., born on August 18th to Captain and Mrs. Milan Vydareny. The Captain is still in England but we hope that family has a glad reunion soon. Also, August 22nd, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Murphy received a new daughter, Harriet Ellen . . . Consolidation—"Bombigator" is what they call Lt. James Breen down at Carlsbad Army Air Field in New Mexico. Sounds like bombardier plus navigator. . . . In transit—Kenneth Love of the Navy reported on a short visit during his transfer to a big, new, IBM station in Mechanicsburg, Pa. . . . Good-will—We are happy to hear that Mrs. Harold Winzer is up and around again after her ankle injury. . . . Priorities—War restrictions are really appreciated when that peregrinator, Lou Kuhn, did not put a foot out of Chicago during his recent vacation. . . . Windfall—You should see those huge cucumbers Elroy M. Lindsey grew in his Victory Garden!

Meter Shop

BY HUGO GUSTAFSON

The writer of this issue is pinch hitting for George Burns who is spending his vacation in Logan Square. This year George is taking a well earned rest, but spends much of his time writing to his two sons who are in the Navy. . . . Word has just been received from Fred Wilcox that his vacation is being spent at Lake Geneva. He claims that the fishing is very good. We will know better if that box of fish arrives. . . . We are still waiting for that picture of Pat Anderson and his ten foot corn stalks. If we don't get the picture, Pat will have to do a lot of explaining. . . . Glad to have Art Johnson and Eugene McGuire, two former employes of this department, back with us for a few days helping out during the vacations of Walter Priebe and Eddie Haugh, who are spending their vacations resting up for their next contribution of blood to the Red Cross blood bank. . . .

35 employes of the Meter Shop will visit the American Red Cross blood bank during the month of September. 17 will be giving their blood for a second time and 18 for the first time. Due to space limitations, we are unable at this time to publish the names of those who gave their blood for the rebirth of our gallant heroes who have been wounded. No matter how badly wounded he is, every fighter wants to live and these 35 pints will help, help him to live and fight another day.

Remember the wounded can't wait and if You don't write you're wrong.

Archives

BY ANTHONY ABBATTE

Marshall Curry and his family returned from a pleasant trip to Cincinnati, Ohio. Bob Fitzsimmon's oldest boy had quite a narrow escape a few weeks ago. The car was damaged, beyond repair and he had a few stitches on his forehead. He is home now convalescing.

Industrial Sales

BY WILLIAM HELME

The village firemen were called to John Lynn's home in Desplaines recently to put out a lively blaze caused by an over-heated radio. A year ago, Johnny's house was hit by lightning. It is episodes like these and falling planes that tend to keep the good burghers on the alert. . . . "Marty" Sobieski's garage and a large moving van were recently in rather close contact, with the van emerging winner. . . . Sgt. Joe Vesley and Pvt. Al Schultz were having a brief reunion in Nashville until a bugler broke it up. They'll do it every time, boys! . . . Our golfers and gardeners are ready to call it a season, with honors about even. The golfers had the most fun but the gardeners brought home the harvest. Or did they?

Domestic Sales

BY GRACE CARDWELL

James Fleming has boosted the Honor Roll figure to 745. Jimmy left us the first part of August. Uncle Sam will see that he gets his mail at Camp Haan, California. He sure would like hearing from all of you real soon. . . . Lois Blotter, just back from International Falls, complains that out of 2,500 sq. miles of water, there were only two fish for her. . . . Virginia Hajek had her vacation fun at the Y.W.C.A. camp up in Burlington, Wisconsin. . . . George Bromley spent his Victory vacation in good old Chi. . . . Jack Wilke came back from Fox Lake loaded down with fish (stories). . . . A letter from Joe Kadlac tells us Ft. McClellan, Alabama, is now keeping him in check. . . . No cool spots in Utah for Lt. Don Hanslik. The temp. there is 120 in the shade, falling to a mere 100 at night. . . . Chuck Lamont dropped in on us while home on sick leave. Seems as though Chuck didn't see a moving propeller. Results—a cracked up arm. . . . Anent the by-line—just a recruit from Mrs. Muss's Key Punch Sorority in General Accounting.

Stores—Warehouse

BY MARIE J. LEHMANN

We are very proud to be able to announce that one of our girls is in the Service. Dorothy LeTourneau joined the SPARS and was inducted on August 4. She left for training camp at Miami, Florida on August 19. Good luck, Dorothy. . . . Air Cadet Joseph J. Caulfield and Jeanne Johnson were married on July 24 in Sacramento. Joe is in the Air Corps at Mather Field and will receive his wings and commission in September. The happy couple will make their home in Sacramento. Congratulations, Joe and Jeanne. . . . The good news reached us that W/O Ed and Mrs. Fortmann are the proud parents of a baby boy, born August 17, who answers to the name of William Edward. Ed is stationed at Camp McQuaide, California. . . . We received a very interesting letter from Cpl. Richard A. Sover, who is in Fort Dix, New Jersey, and has charge of a 60 M.M. Mortar Squad—and how he likes it. . . . Julia Petrauskas has been transferred to the Stationery department. We are going to miss her a great deal. . . . We welcome Verle Lense to the Stores department—hope you will enjoy working with us, Verle.

Customers Order

BY CARL W. HAASE

Pictured below is Sgt. Bud McCauley, U.S. Army, and his beautiful bride, the former Margaret Marz of Chicago. The wedding ceremony took place August 7. Best of luck to you, Mr. and Mrs. McCauley. . . . Sgt. Thomas Vitacco, U.S. Army, paid us a visit August 27. Army life seems to agree with Tommy. He's looking swell. . . . Eugene La Fond is now the proud owner of a new home in Forest Park, Illinois. He entertained his fellow workers there and a good time was had by all. . . . The hot weather does not affect our switchboard girls. They just keep plugging along, whether it's summer or winter. . . . As usual, vacations are in full swing. . . . We all send our best wishes to our men and women in the Armed Forces. . . . We extend our deepest sympathy to John Roche in the recent loss of his mother and to Harold Clark, who lost his father.

Sgt. and Mrs. Bud McCauley

Meter Reading

BY STEPHEN FORAN

The welcome mat of this department has been laid out for Ann La Rocco and Minnie Kaskadden, our new meterettes. Make yourselves at home, girls. . . . A general alarm has been sent out for the missing Moe, the meter reader. The last time he was seen, he was floating through the doorway of a flooded basement and heading, quick like a rabbit, for the corner sewer. Hero-like, he was singing, "Stormy Weather." . . . Archie Rodgers spent his vacation in Michigan helping to solve the farm labor shortage. He supervised a group of city youngsters who volunteered to pick cherries. . . . Here's the secret of Eddie Feusel's stamina—BASKETBALL! As a youngster, Eddie was one of the city's outstanding stars. . . . Speaking of stamina and speed, Joe Doyle goes on and on, blessed with gobs of both. He ascribes this to his long years of perch fishing on the lake front. . . . Caught between a closed gate and a toothy dog, Ed Tully was in quite a dilemma. The solution was presented by the canine, who helped himself to a nip of Mr. Tully without even so much as a one-point meat ration stamp. . . . George Calder and Bill Gebert were in to say "hello." Both of the boys look swell.

Engineering Department

BY JULIEN JORDAN

Martin Reinholdt has six daughters in his family. Although there are no boys to enter military service, three of his daughters are taking an active part in the war effort. Esther, 22, graduated recently from Avenger Flying Academy at Sweetwater, Texas. She is now a pilot in the Ferry Command, eligible to fly anything with wings on it, and is one of five girls in the Chicago area to have this honor. Edith, 20, is a Senior Radio Code Instructor at an Army field near Madison, Wisconsin, where she teaches soldiers the things they should know about radio. Ruth, 18, has been accepted as a student nurse and will be a military nurse upon graduation. Not bad for a family of girls, Martin! . . . Bill Pickor was married on September 4 to Miss Olga Bushak. We extend our congratulations and wish them all the fine things of life. After spending their honeymoon in Scranton, Pennsylvania, they will make their home in Rogers Park. . . . Harry Reimer, Wes Matthews, and Ed Malarkey represented the department at the golf tournament held recently at White Pines. Everyone reported having a good time. . . . George Cheshire was in to see us recently. George looks fine and his "sea legs" fit him well. . . . We heard from Tom Petty, who is still "down under." The "rock" that Tom is on, and refers to in his letters, is not Alcatraz, we hope.

North Sales

BY R. C. MARTIN

Captain Ed Hahn is back in combat somewhere in the Pacific, after having been wounded in infantry action. . . . Vince Thoma has been advanced to Lieutenant (j.g.) and is seeing action on a PT boat in the Pacific. . . . Ernie Hellstern left for Boot Training at Great Lakes August 17. . . . Bob McKirnan, recently promoted to Lieutenant in the Coast Guard Artillery, is stationed somewhere in the Carribean. . . . We note with pleasure that our Home Service Supervisor and Lorraine Tyszko, to say nothing of a super display of beets, beans, carrots, and such, were front page news in the August issue of GAS NEWS. . . . We welcome Bettie Mae Brown of Normal, Illinois, who recently joined our Home Service staff. . . . Edward Nolan, Robert Martin, Paul Landgren, and Cyril Wray represented this division at the White Pines Golf Tournament. . . . Rose Foster, Trenna Field, Charlie Dorge, and Homer Pollan, our Director, are making the rest of us sorry we took our vacations so early.

Key Punch Section

BY ROMA SCHWENKE

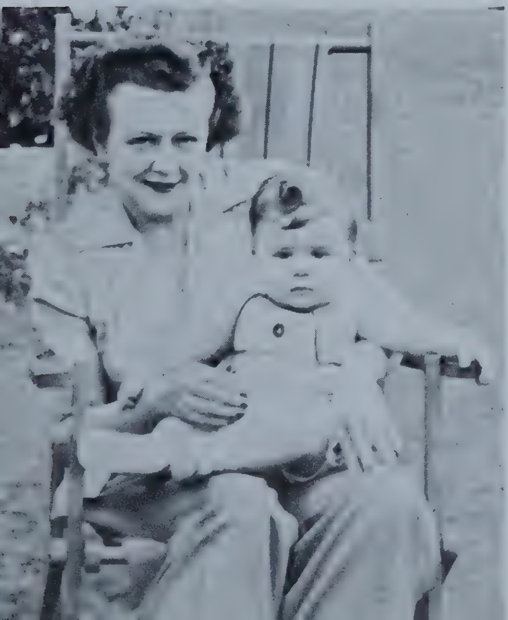
Mary O'Donnell gave the girls a great big surprise by announcing her marriage which took place on August 17. . . . Remember Rita Banks? She phoned the other day to tell us she is the mother of a 6 lb. boy. His name is Stephen Milo. We wonder if he has red hair like his mother. . . . Arlene Postal just came back from her vacation in the north woods, where she did a little camping out. Tent, sleeping bags, and all the other paraphernalia connected with outdoor living helped to make it a success. . . . Irene Getz took a trip to Hampton Beach, New Hampshire, and Portland, Maine. Her vacation was made enjoyable by her many friends and relatives there. . . . Jessie Monroe and Edna Mohr enjoyed their vacations in Chicago.

Credit and Collection

BY WALTER OHMACHT

PICTURED BELOW is the reason for that perpetual grin on Jerry Wasson's countenance. Mrs. Wasson is the former Florence Sass of the Customers department. Young Duane looks like dad, doesn't he? . . . Two more stalwarts have gone to join Uncle Sam; Albert Allen and Dick McLamore. Dick is now at Camp Adair. Allen has not been heard from as yet. Their farewell party was a royal send-off, if there ever was one. . . . Marge Sullivan is back from a trip to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to see her brother who is stationed there. . . . Detroit was host to Caryle Oedzes, while Lorraine Smiley basked in the Pell Lake sun. . . . Ken Hartnett has finally resumed wearing shoes after "hill billying" down in Tennessee and Georgia. . . . Jim Sullivan is back from his outpost on Cedar Lake. . . . Bill McMahon, after two weeks on a farm, is finally acting like city folk again. . . . Will some one please explain the "law of averages" to Frank Snyder—preferably Lucky Zwissler? . . . Fred Gebauer, after two weeks of fishing (so called) has a bamboo pole, hooks, lines, and sinkers for sale. Fred, 'tis said, is the only man in the state who uses minnows to catch minnows. The three-incher he caught is being mounted. Pictures to follow. . . . Charles Stuart, Supervisor, after 44 years of service, is now enjoying life as an annuitant. On August 31 Charlie bid farewell to the gang and is now going to take life easy. The best of luck, Charlie! . . . The banana situation being what it is, is not without its good points. Jim Vignola's horse is now enjoying a well-earned rest. . . . It is interesting to know that George Hogan is a member of the S.P.C.A. . . . We are sorry to report the death of Jim McGarry, one of our former associates. His passing was a shock to those of us who worked with him. . . . We also want to extend our deepest sympathy to Ed Bell in the recent loss of his sister, and to Zoe Quail whose brother recently passed away.

Mrs. Wasson and Baby Duane



Chicago District Pipeline

BY EDMUND REED

ROGER BARTZ of the U.S. Navy was home on furlough recently. . . . Vacations are now a thing of the past. Those most recently returning were: Chuck Bowen, Nick Manfred, Bill Gray, Joe Malloy, Ed Reed, and Doc Harmening. . . . Bob Moon claims to be quite a horse shoe pitcher and to prove it he took second place in the Fox Valley tournament beaten only by his brother. . . . Bert Coldwater jockied in a few winners at the Washington Park meeting recently. . . . Glen Palmer raised a nice crop of apples in his orchard this year and found a good market for them on the pipeline. . . . Jerry Higgins a former linewalker was taken into the army recently. . . . We hear the linewalkers are forming a bowling team this year, may they have a successful season. . . . Vernon Voitik resigned recently and Frank Stonitch was hired to take his place.

Messenger Section

BY FRANCES CONNOR

THE GAS COMPANY has been brightened with eight new messengers. They are June Svoboda, Erwin L. Stuller, Walter K. Yoost, Mary Ellen Heffernan, Lorayne G. Anderson, Catherine Ellis, Florence Brendise, and Marie Dierks. The new and speedy Auto room messenger is Lorraine Uedelhofen, she replaces Lorraine Le Gault now in the bookkeeping department. Beatrice Lach has left us to work in the Accounting department, we all know how fortunate they are to have her. We extend our deepest sympathy to Frances Connor on the loss of her mother and Lorraine Le Gault on the death of her grandmother.

Statistical Department

BY EDITH MOSGERS

TEMPUS FUGIT!! And so do vacations. . . . It was quite a reunion August 30, with the office force in full attendance for the first time since vacations began. Betty Hoffman and Edith Mosgers both came home enthusiastic about California. Ralph Braucher, Robert Drevs, Harold Werno, and Lucille Olson visited in various parts of the North Woods, which also received favorable reports. . . . Our boys in the Service still come through with the news. According to recent letters, Mike Conley, Signalman, 2/C "saw some large scale Fourth of July fireworks in the South Pacific," and Pvt. John Dolan, "finds the Sicilians very friendly." Lt. John Mullen, who was commissioned in the Finance School, dropped in on a recent leave from George Field, Illinois. . . . The recently announced engagement of Esther Hauptfleisch to Lt. David T. Coldwell has culminated in wedding bells which rang out on August 7. The happy couple are making their home in Los Angeles, California, where Lt. Coldwell is stationed. . . . Margaret Rubly has joined our department, replacing her husband, Harold, who recently left the Accounting department for the Army. . . . Adeline Rasmussen celebrated her twenty-fifth anniversary with the Company on August 26, amid a beautiful bouquet of flowers and congratulations from her many friends. . . . With a nice, clean, newly decorated office and happy vacation memories, we take our pencil in hand and so back to work.

After an all-day battle with the finny monsters of Lake of the Woods, Canada, J. G. Waddick, Collection, T. R. Bogumill, South Shop, and M. I. Mix, Operating, enjoy a little relaxation on the veranda of their log cabin. The photo was snapped by Elmer Schuldt, Distribution, who was the fourth member of the party.

Refining Plant

BY JOHN HENRY

ALL QUIET at the Pure Plant. The farewell party for Fred Duke was held at the Chateau in Lyons, Illinois, Friday, August 20. A good time was had by all and Fred went away with $43.00, as a gift from all, to buy Bonds, a watch, or anything that suits his fancy. "Bon Voyage, Fred." The last we heard he was in the Navy. Must be one of those secrets because we haven't heard from him since. . . . We had a "V" letter from Sgt. "Peaches" Baumbaugh to the Still House Gang. He reports: feeling fine and if he only could attend a Union meeting, and if some of that Amber Fluid was flowing, that would be his idea of a swell night. Those vacationing at the time are Percy Hedberg, 71st & Greenwood and points south; George Smith gone to the country; McDara (Driller) Lydon, another secret?; Patsy Leffredo at home in the garden.

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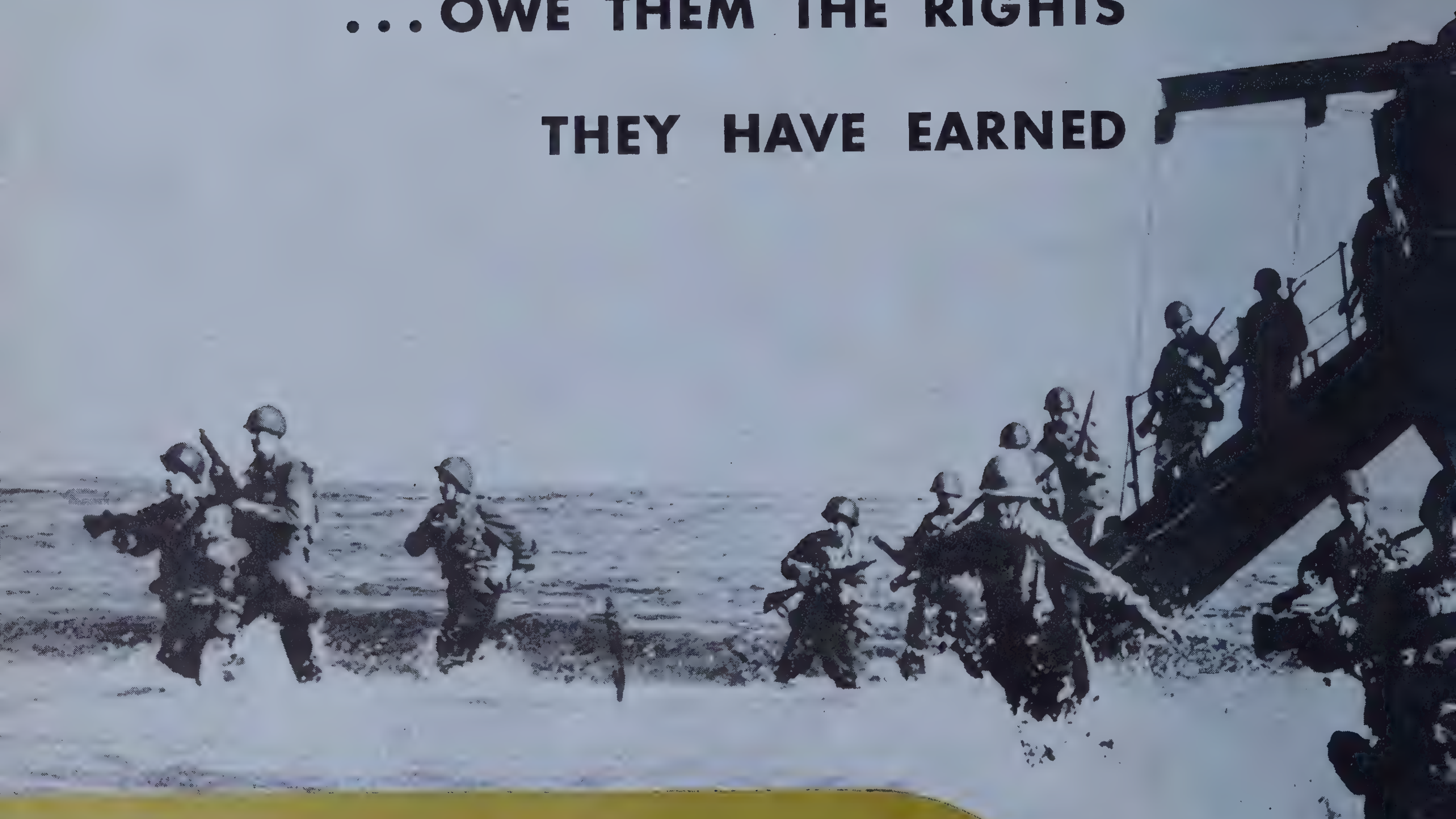

The 3RD WAR LOAN thrusts upon every American a unique obligation of self appraisal. Every person who can possibly do so will be asked to buy at least $100 more than his usual purchases of War Bonds during the 15 billion dollar drive which began on September 9.

The men on the fighting fronts cannot measure sacrifice as one ladles out a portion, but must stand ready to spill the whole of their life's blood in the cause which is our common faith. It is our primary obligation to back these men to the hilt, and insure them the rights they have earned:

① *Adequate materiel of war sufficient to overwhelm the enemy.*

② *An orderly financing of the war to assure the stability of the America to which they will return.*

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GAS News

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FOR OUR MEN IN ARMS

FOR WELFARE AT HOME

FOR OUR FIGHTING ALLIES

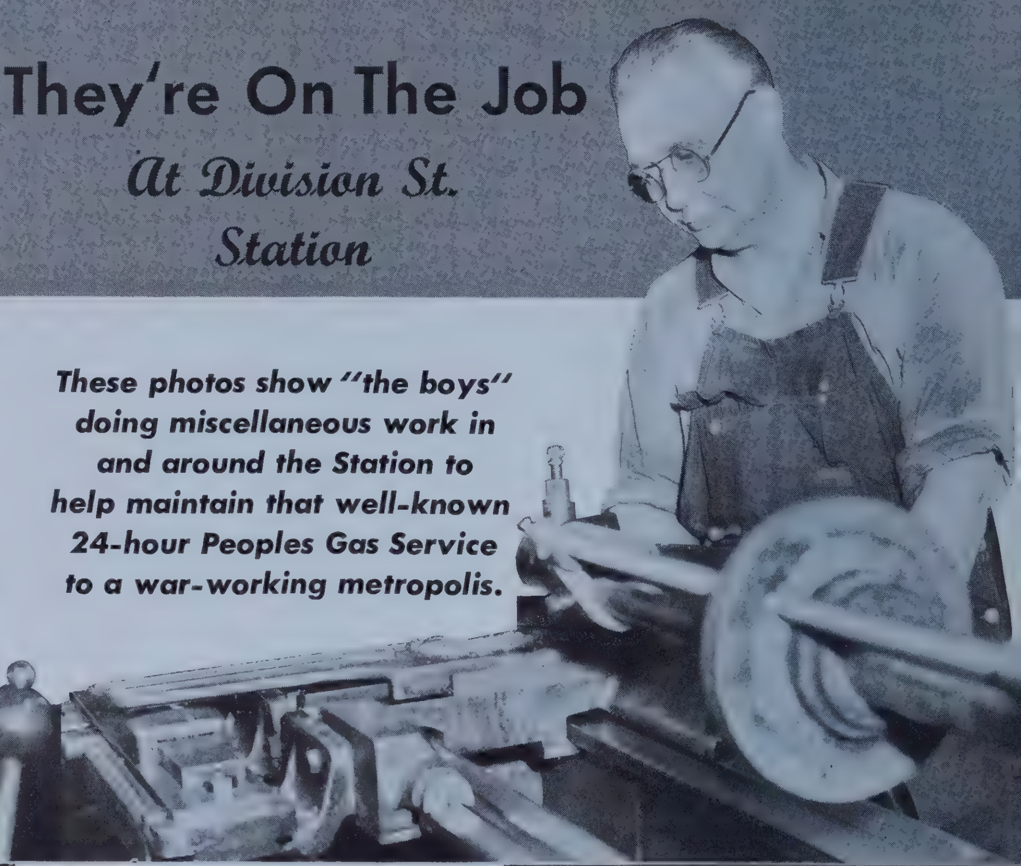
Show You Care . . . GIVE YOUR SHARE!

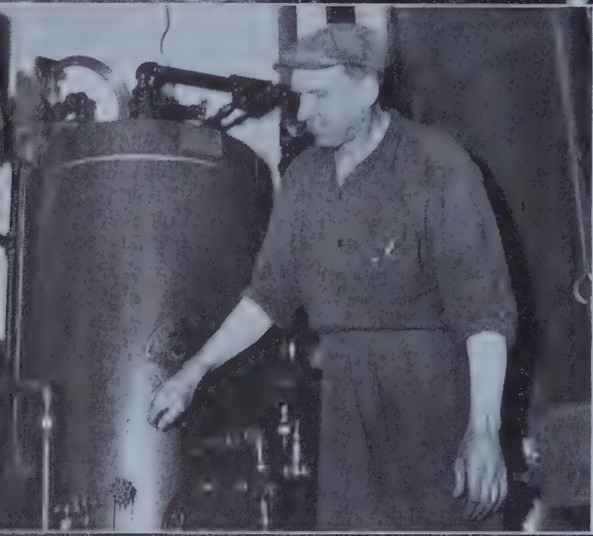
CHICAGO COMMUNITY *and* WAR FUND

They're On The Job

At Division St. Station

These photos show "the boys" doing miscellaneous work in and around the Station to help maintain that well-known 24-hour Peoples Gas Service to a war-working metropolis.





Top left, the kinks in a steam trap are being eliminated in the hands of Harry Knabe.

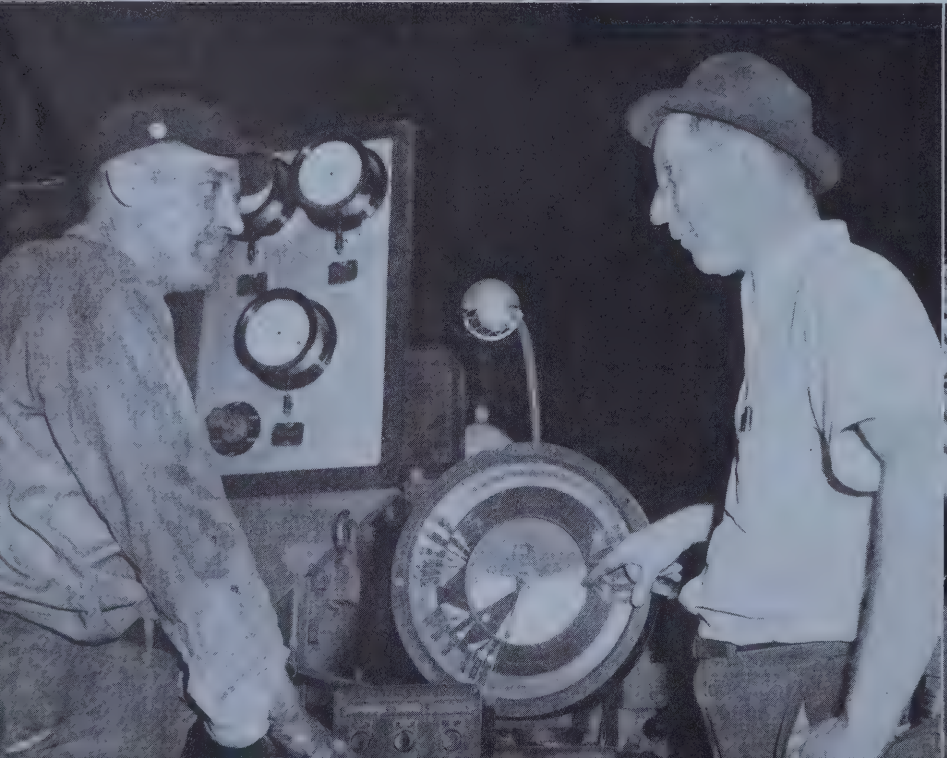
Top right, pump shaft repairs are engaging the attention of John Ripkey, who is operating the lathe.

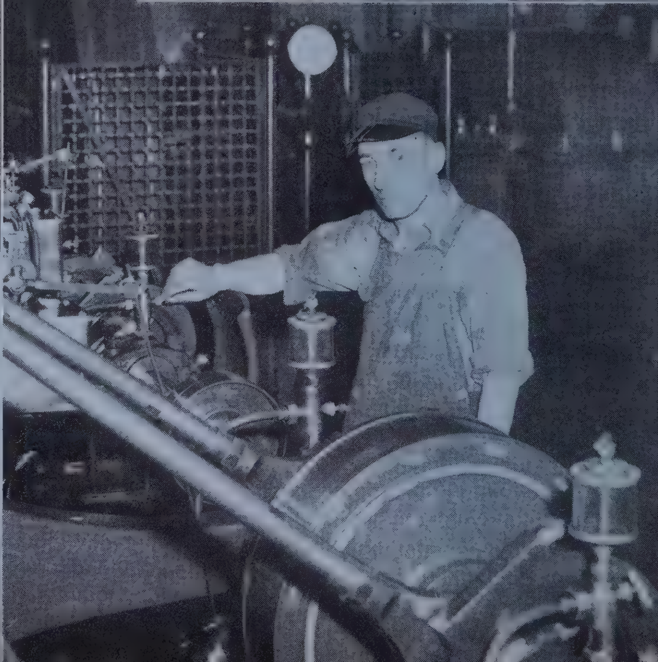
"Just a slight adjustment is all it needs," says Charles Rebicki, who is pictured turning the valve on the gas fogging machine.

A rasping noise and a shower of sparks are no novelties to Stanley Babulski, shown at right doing a grinding job. A shatter-proof window protects the operator's eyes.

Lower left, Andrew Loss, gas machine operator, and Herbert Tittel, are discussing the setting on a water gas machine control.

The oiling system on one of the big compression engines at the station is receiving an adjustment from Sam Geraci, lower right.





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As workers in a vital industry serving other vital industries, Gas Company employes are trusted partners of our Armed Forces. In their daily work they come into contact with much information that Hitler and Hirohito would like to have, information which they would like to use to aid them in attacking our country, our homes, our farms, our families, and ourselves.

No gas man or woman would knowingly give away the information which he or she has acquired during working hours. The number of traitors in our midst is very small, yet every day, on buses, on trains, in bars, or in the parlors of homes, information of the utmost value is being communicated to enemy agents by those who do not mean to tell.

A lot of well-meaning people these days are worried about what their neighbors think of their contribution to the war effort. They are afraid that others might get the impression that they are slackers or are doing something relatively unimportant. As a result they talk a lot about their work, and if they are on anything secret they talk about it all the more.

By keeping what they know secret, especially about production rates, production methods, strengths or weaknesses in certain places, or any information about secret weapons which they have learned, employes will be doing the Army a great service. Remember, BE SMART—ACT DUMB—Loose talk can cost lives..

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What has happened to that old "thorn-in-the-side" — October Rush? Indications are that, like Mae Rush, she's a war casualty. At any rate, the Company is experiencing the quietest moving season in its whole history, with the total turn-on and turn-off requests running well below 22 per cent of last year's figure. Experts are of the opinion that a shortage of housing and lack of moving help keep Mr. and Mrs. Chicago in their present quarters. What a far cry it is from the rush of 14,000 moving orders which were handled by the Company on May 1, 1942! October 1 is normally the busiest day of the fall moving rush season, but this year only 2,600 turn on requests were received.

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The Cover

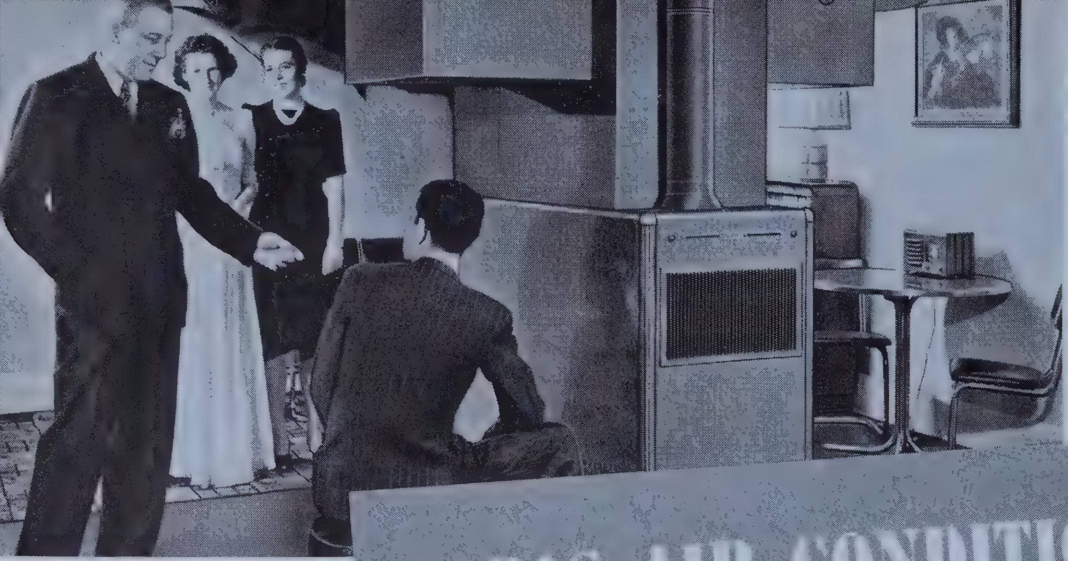
Our cover this month interprets the "three star feather," symbol of the 1943 Community and War Fund drive. Your one contribution this year will help three great needs by providing a fund for our men in arms, for welfare at home, and for our fighting allies. Have *you* pledged eight hours pay to the War Fund way?

Coming Events

Gas Post Installation
Columbia Yacht Club
Tuesday, October 19

Employe Forum
Room 1039 and Auditorium
Tuesday, October 26

Gas Club Dance
Main Floor
Tuesday, November 9



GAS AIR CONDITIONING

Begins When the Boys Come Home

At the time when World War Number Two was declared, all-year air conditioning—the gas man's dream come true—was entering the final stages of engineering for mass production after five years of intensive laboratory research. A special plant, known to technicians as a "pilot plant," had been built by the Servel Company, in Evansville, Indiana, for the purpose of providing rigid control over the initial operations, and to guide the new unit into normal channels before being turned over to the main factory for large scale output.

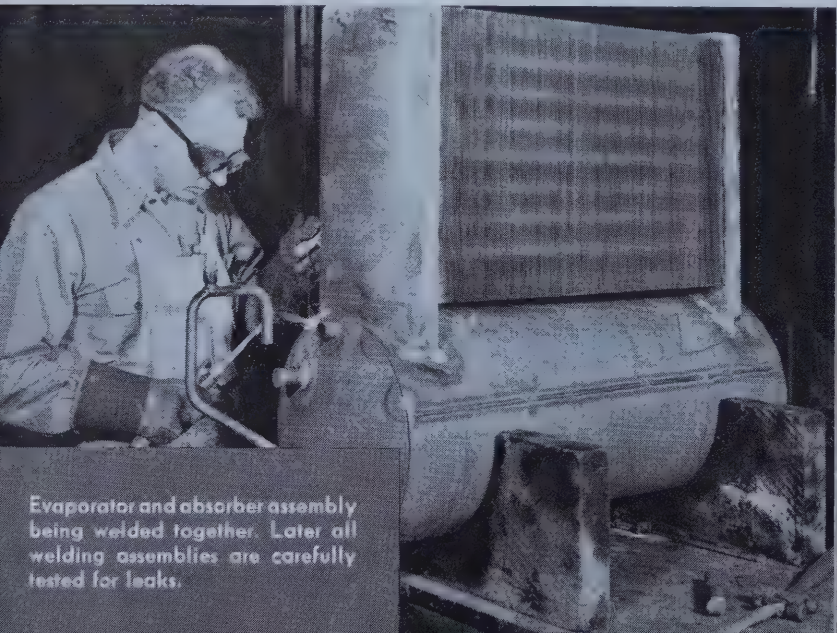
The pictures on these pages were made in the Servel pilot plant just before the work on the unit was stopped, and the whole plant was converted to full-time large scale war production. The trained personnel who worked on the air conditioning unit are now busy keeping a busier Army and Navy supplied with Victory-vital materials. However, when the war ends, this small but highly trained organization will be the nucleus for the immediate conversion to the manufacture of peacetime air conditioning equipment for the home of tomorrow.

All-year gas air conditioning, designed expressly for homes and small commercial establishments, will be a reality after Victory Day. The Servel factory's production lines, now disgorging mass quantities of vital war materials, will resume a post-war appearance similar to that shown pictorially on these pages. The Servel organization is ready to harness its pre-war research and development to post-war mass production, instituting a new large scale use for gas in the home of tomorrow, and with it a better way of living.

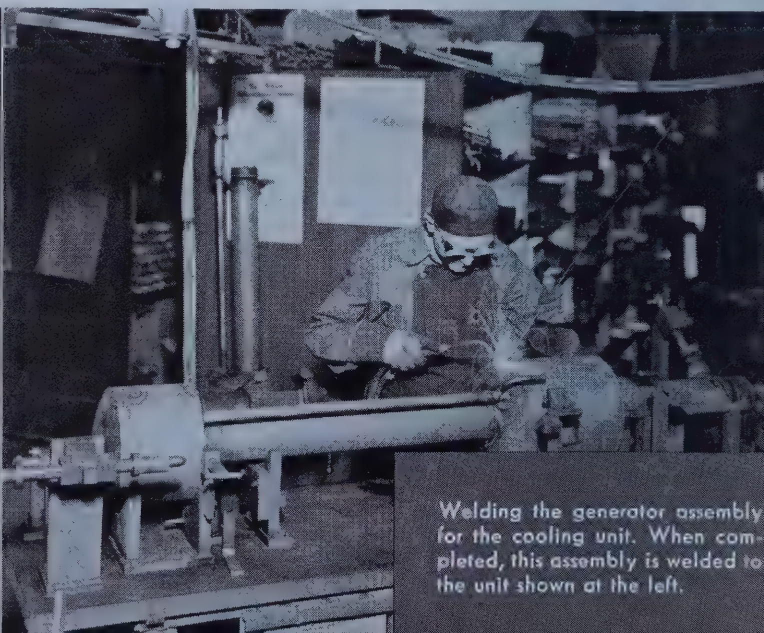
The all-year air conditioning unit has recently been the subject of country-wide discussion by utility executives and members of the Committee for Economic Development as a product possessing foreseeable post-war possibilities.

To the American public, all-year gas air conditioning means that our post-war homes can be maintained at constant comfort levels throughout the entire year.

All-year gas air conditioning represents a new industry. It is an opportunity which the gas industry has today for developing its residential business. Furthermore, it opens up new vistas in home remodeling, new home construction, and architectural design. Its future possibilities are exceptionally bright.



Evaporator and absorber assembly being welded together. Later all welding assemblies are carefully tested for leaks.

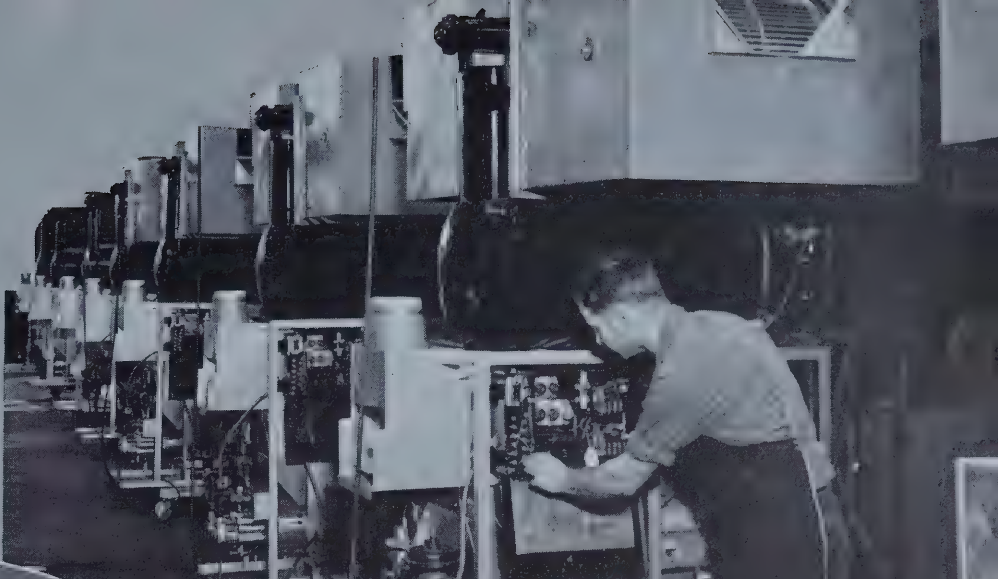


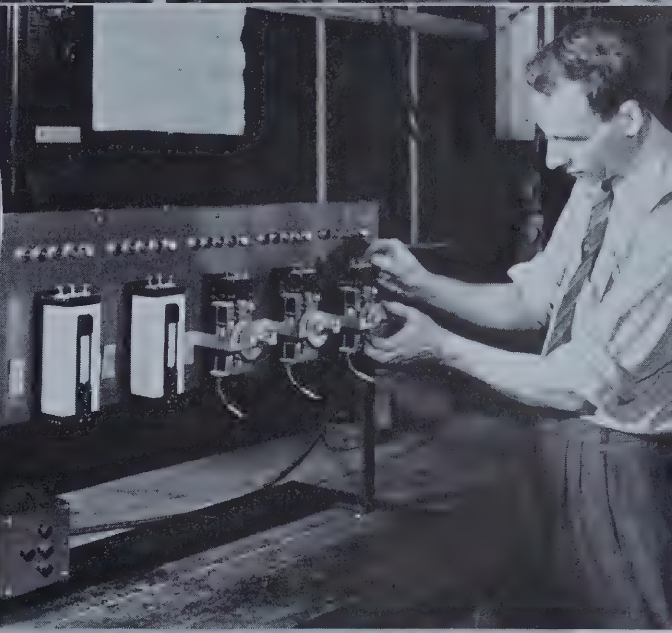
Welding the generator assembly for the cooling unit. When completed, this assembly is welded to the unit shown at the left.

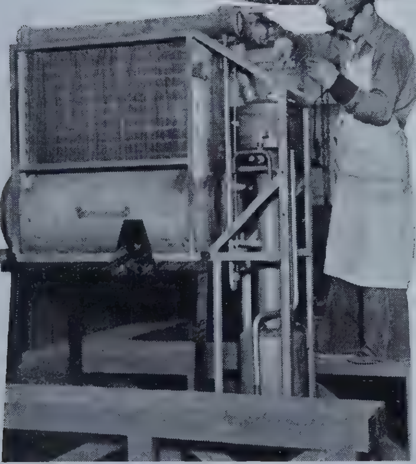
On the assembly shown at right the cooling unit and heating unit, filter ducts, and blower assemblies are combined.

The picture below shows the assembly of the gas burner unit. This is one of the large three-burner units which is pre-tested before final assembly.

Center right, shows the testing of the Selectrol. This combination of thermostat and completely unified control system is completely built and tested in the Servel Pilot Plant.



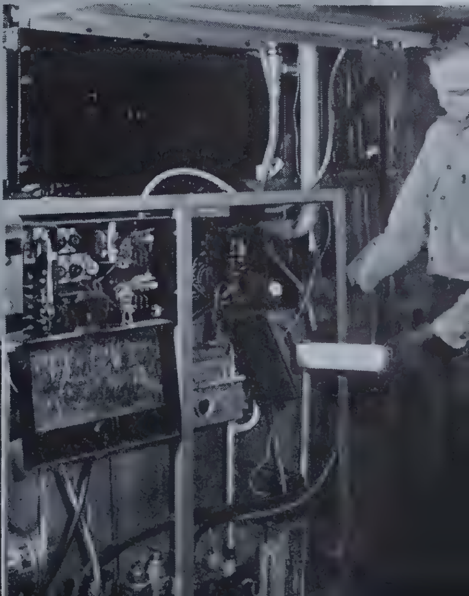


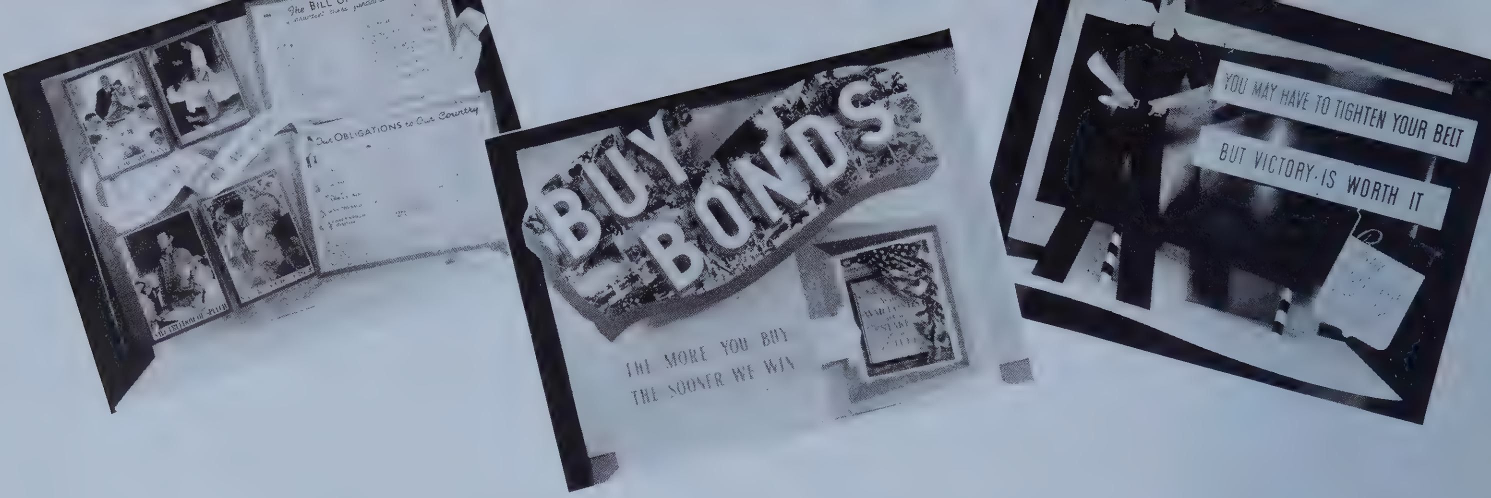


Above, the cooling unit generator and absorber evaporator are welded together in one unit, and the unit is then tested under high vacuum pressure for 48 hours.

Below, arc welding tubes in the atmospheric steam generator or boiler, one of the first operations in building the heating unit.

The cooling capacity test is set up according to prearranged standards. The air supplied to the cooling unit shown below is heated and humidified to measure the capacity of the unit.





"Yes, We Have No Appliances —Come In After V-Day"

Meanwhile, invest those extra dollars in Bonds and better post-war living

If you have been the least bit observing during the past year or more, you have noticed that the predominating motif in the Company's display windows on Michigan Avenue and Adams Street is WAR.

In place of the remarkably attractive displays of ranges, water heaters, refrigerators, furnaces, and other gas-burning appliances that caught the eyes of passers-by and vividly portrayed the superiority of the all-gas home, there are now and have been for some time a constantly changing series of displays urging greater collaboration by the home front in the war upon the Axis.

For the duration, or at least until there has been some improvement in the military situation, there is no appliance selling business as we once knew it. The materials that once went into the manufacture of the appliances so attractively displayed, have gone to war. There has been practically no replacement of the appliances that have been sold from the Company's pre-war inventories to persons authorized to purchase them.

Over a fairly long period, there have been in effect restrictions issued by the War Production Board on the transfer by sale or otherwise of gas ranges, gas-fired water heaters, and gas refrigerators. Only those who have been able to demonstrate a real need have been authorized to buy such gas appliances and, as a dealer, the Company has been authorized to accept only the orders of those so authorized. The sale of gas for space heating purposes in this area has also been restricted by the War Production Board and, hence, there has been little or no change in space heating appliance inventories.

Ranges Are Rationed

On August 24, gas ranges were added to the fairly long list of consumer items that are subject to rationing by the Office of Price Administration. Any person who now has need for a new gas range must submit to his local War Price and Rationing Board an application form, in which he states why he needs the range; what fuel, if any, he used for cooking purposes in the past; whether or not his old range can be repaired; and whether or not he has disposed of a gas range or other similar equipment during the past 60 days.

If the applicant states that his gas range is in an unrepairable condition, he may be asked by the Board to have a gas range expert certify to that effect. If, upon examination of the facts contained in the application, the Board is satisfied that the applicant is really deserving of a new range, it will issue to him a Stove Purchase Certificate which he then presents to the dealer from whom he is to purchase the equipment. A used gas range may still be bought and sold without authorization.

Within a few weeks of the inauguration of gas range rationing, the Company's remaining inventory of new gas ranges, which was well below its pre-war inventory, had been completely sold. Generally speaking, the gas range inventories of other dealers in the community have likewise been depleted, some of them even before gas range rationing became effective.

However, the War Production Board has authorized the production by certain manufacturers of a Victory Model gas range and it is expected that this type of appliance will soon be available to Chicago purchasers in sufficient quantities to meet their requirements.

The dealers who accept Stove Purchase Certificates are permitted to endorse them and forward them to the manufacturers of Victory Model ranges and thus in time replenish their inventories.

Other Appliances Restricted

No other gas burning appliances, except certain types of heaters, are at the moment subject to rationing restrictions. However, they are restricted to the extent that no person may purchase a new water heater unless he certifies that his existing heater is not repairable. If he has no water heater, he must submit an application to the War Production Board, who will extend him a preference rating of A-10 or better.

The sale of gas refrigerators is, for all practical purposes, limited to war housing projects or to persons who can demonstrate that the equipment is necessary to public health. There have been occasions since February, 1942,

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SHOW YOU CARE . . . GIVE YOUR SHARE!

To Our Men in Arms

To Welfare At Home

To Our Fighting Allies

PERHAPS we all have snuggled down into a sort of smug complacency about the war. Perhaps not. Some of us have already been jarred out of that complacency by a "missing in action" report. When that happens, the war becomes a personal thing, a far-reaching destroyer, a grim reality. When that happens, you get fighting mad and doubly concerned with ways and means of supporting the war effort on the home front.

If you're still coasting along in pre-war detachment—brother, look out! No one's immune from the effects of war. No one can avoid the responsibilities which war places on everyone's shoulders.

That's why the big Community and War Fund drive which began Tuesday, October 5, is a challenge to each of us. It's one more opportunity to "show we care." It's a chance to lend a helping hand to our boys in uniform, to those less fortunate than we. It's a chance to show that we're not so complacent about the war and that we're not going to avoid our war responsibilities.

Chicago's goal in this drive is $12,806,424. Of that, a definite quota must be raised by Gas Company employes. Conducting the drive in the Company are a group of chairmen, each representing a division of the organization. W. R. Evans represents the Chicago By-Products; J. M. Herrmann, Personnel; C. C. LeForge, Budget, Purchasing and Stores; J. J. Novy, Operating; E. F. Pohlmann, Research and Testing; F. J. Redfield, Customers; G. I. Simpson, Accounting; and B. H. Wittmann, Sales.

Each department has been assigned a certain quota to make, based on the Victory Formula, or eight hours of pay from every member of the department. Thus, it becomes each individual's responsibility to make the Community and War Fund drive a success.

The drive closes throughout the city on October 31, but employe pledge cards should be in by October 22. Fill in your card NOW—pledge a day's pay the War Fund way.

Reproduced below is a letter from President George F. Mitchell which was recently mailed to all employes. The message it contains is one which bears reading—and calls for ACTION!

To All Employes of
The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company and Subsidiary Companies:

The Community and War Fund is being launched October 4 in Chicago and throughout the nation.

The Chicago District is to raise $12,800,000. This money will be used for three purposes:

1. *To provide funds for the U. S. O.*
2. *To help war reliefs.* (*See last page of attached pamphlet.*)
3. *To aid the crippled, blind, and otherwise handicapped persons, the destitute and the aged in our own community.*

None of these needs can be cared for from public funds.

I know that all of us are paying heavier taxes, that we are striving to buy more and more War Bonds. We still have this other job to do. How really great the needs are is explained in the attached pamphlet.

There is no limit as to how much you give. It is a matter for your conscience. A Suggestion for your minimum pledge can be taken from the slogan of this campaign: "Eight Hours Pay the WAR Fund Way." In other words, at least one day's pay from each employe. It is further suggested that employes earning above the lower figure shown on the last page of the attached pamphlet, follow the Victory Formula as detailed there.

A subscription card is attached and the amount pledged may be paid in four monthly installments, beginning with the second pay roll period in November. Please return each card to your superintendent.

The giving to causes such as this is one way of proving that Democracy can take care of its problems voluntarily. The voluntary method is not used in Germany or Japan. Giving to the Community and WAR Fund is one more way for us on the home front to back up our boys on the war front.

May I speak on behalf of the U. S. O., those necessary war reliefs, the destitute adults and children, and the blind and the aged of our own community for a liberal donation or pledge from you.

GEORGE F. MITCHELL
President

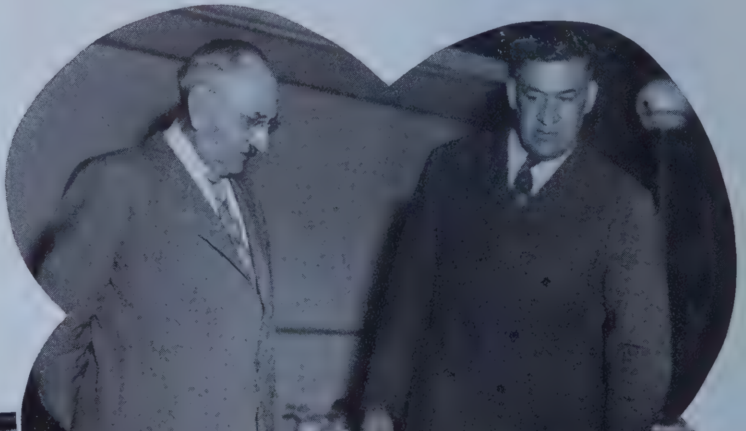
War Stamps of Approval

For Victory Vegetables

Employes Display Produce At Gas Club Garden Show September 8 and 9

At the left, Michael Lambke, Customers, and a group of Gas Company friends look over a fine exhibit of squash and pumpkins. The lady at the right studies the Company's canning booklet.

The picture above left was taken at the St. Vincent's orphanage. Two of the kiddies inspect the Victory vegetables, which were donated to the orphanage after the Gas Company's garden show.



Above, the judges—confronted with a collection of super-tomato entries—seem to be in a quandary. However, August Koch, left, and A. V. Morgan, with their horticultural backgrounds, were qualified to pick the winners.

Interested employes at the Garden Show are probably comparing the vegetables on display with those they cultivated this summer, Left to right they are: James Lomasney, Customers; Frances Connor, Messenger Service; Violet Stepek and John Zimmer, Treasury.

Employes Show Victory Garden Produce, Take Home War Stamp Prizes

COMPANY VICTORY gardeners, who toiled and sweated through the summer months, displayed the results of their labors at a Vegetable Show September 8 and 9. Almost every exhibitor received a share of the War Stamps which were distributed as prizes.

Peter Barisich, Crawford, topped the list of winners, his vegetables capturing eight blue ribbons, five red, and four white. Second place went to Harry Smith, Customers. Third place winners were Harry Jones, Bookkeeping, and Jack Linn, Statistical. John Moore, Customers Order, and Anton Jackovac, Crawford, won fourth place. Fifth place went to Louis Rinaldi, Chemical Testing, and Charles Penfold, Property Accounting.

Winners were selected on the basis of points—thirty points being given for every blue ribbon, twenty for red, and ten for white. Judges were August Koch, formerly chief horticulturist of the Chicago Park District, and A. V. Morgan, head of the Men's Garden Club of Illinois.

Change In Club Voting Districts Ready Soon

THE VOTING divisions of the Peoples Gas Club from which members of the Executive Committee are elected by employes, have been re-arranged slightly to provide a more equitable representation of employes per executive committee member, especially in the Operating, and the Budget, Purchasing and Stores Divisions of the company.

Before the most recent change in the set-up, one executive committee member often represented employes in more than one division of the Company, an arrangement which frequently made it difficult for the committeeman to contact his constituents to voice their opinions in meetings where social and recreation events are planned. The November issue of the NEWS, which will be distributed following the primaries and a few days before the election, will contain an outline of the new voting districts.

CUSTOMERS URGED TO SAVE FUEL

Nation-wide drive on to conserve fuel, manpower, and equipment

THREE well-known government executives have made a combined request to coal, petroleum, electric, gas, water supply, communications, and transportation industries to do everything possible to conserve fuel, manpower, equipment, and materials for war purposes. The government heads who are urging the conservation are: Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, Defense Transportation Director Joseph B. Eastman, and War Production Board Chairman Donald M. Nelson.

In response to this emergency request, Peoples Gas is joining other utilities in an intensive campaign for fuel conservation among its domestic customers, asking them to use only the gas which is absolutely necessary. Through the medium of the Gas Gazette and newspaper advertisements, customers have been given pointers on how they can save gas in their homes.

The Company's ads stressed the theme, "You can speed Victory by Saving Fuel in Your Home." The advertisements gave four main suggestions which the Company's domestic customers can use to help hasten Victory by keeping their fuel consumption down to a minimum.

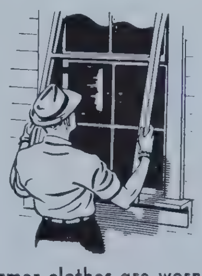
The following is the text of the Company's advertisement which appeared in all of the Chicago daily newspapers during September and early Obtaber:

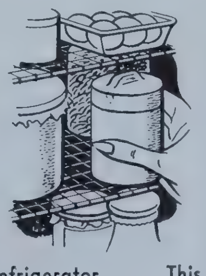
THE sure way to bring this war to a quick and victorious end is to maintain and, if possible, increase the rate of war production. Every family in Chicago can help in this endeavor just by seeing to it that fuel consumption is kept to a minimum—particularly during the winter months. For it is during the cold days, when fuel consumption naturally increases, that the careful use of gas for household purposes will help the supply to our war plants. Chicago is one of the country's greatest war production centers. Therefore, we offer the following suggestions which should make a saving of money and gas in your home this winter and, at the same time, provide more fuel for war plants.

1. IN COOKING. Don't turn the gas any higher than necessary . . . don't turn on the burner until ready to use it . . . plan oven meals . . . keep your range clean, particularly the burners. When cleaning, remove burners from the range and scrub entire burner with soapy water and a bristle brush . . . then rinse thoroughly.

2. IN WATER HEATING. Repair leaking hot water faucets . . . don't use a tubful for a bath when less will do as well . . . if your heater is the hand-operated type, don't heat more water than you need . . . never let hot water run continuously when rinsing dishes . . . when you waste hot water, you're wasting gas.

3. IN HOUSE HEATING. Reduce heat losses as far as possible by installing insulation, storm sashes, and doors . . . don't heat unused rooms . . . your Government suggests that 65 degrees Fahrenheit is warm enough for most homes, particularly if warmer clothes are worn and there are no very young children, aged persons, or sick in the family.





4. IN YOUR GAS REFRIGERATOR. Store foods in refrigerator with enough air circulation to allow efficient circulation of cold air . . . don't keep the refrigerator door open longer than necessary . . . never put hot food in the refrigerator. . . . This requires extra gas for cooling. Defrost periodically . . . keep the refrigerator clean throughout.

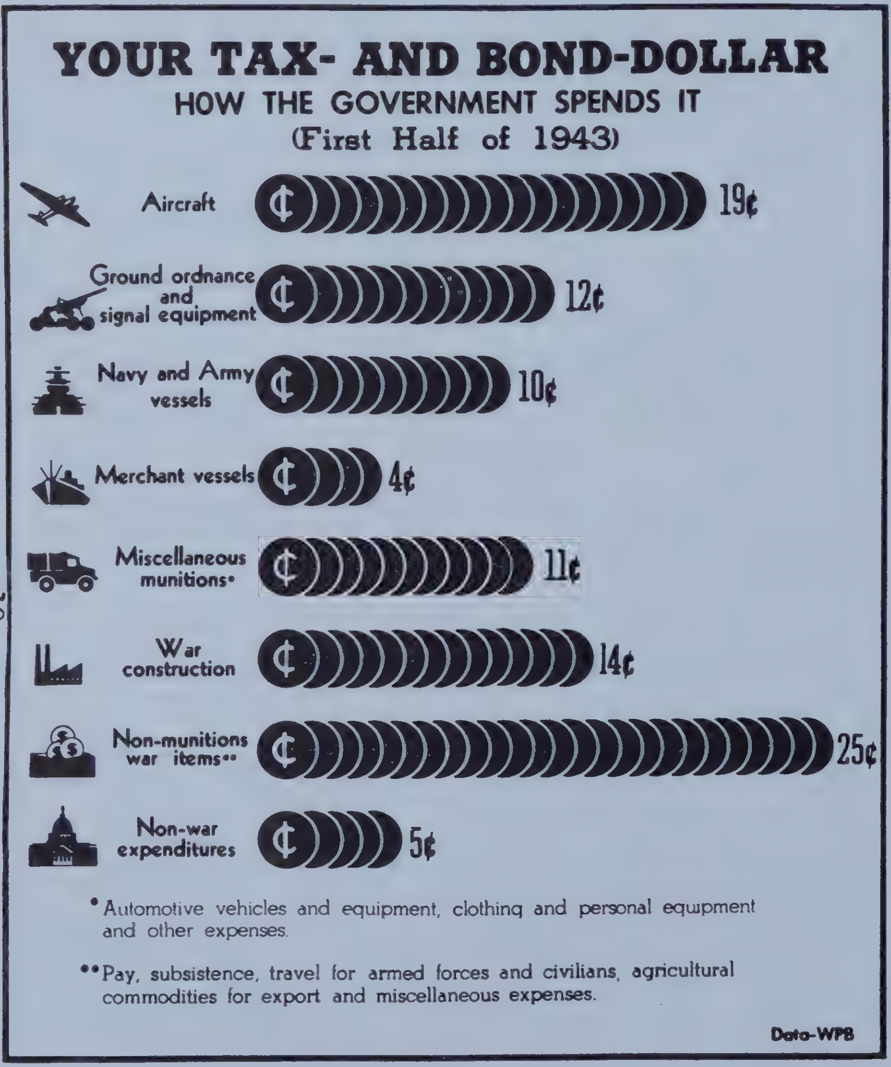
NO ROOM SERVICE IN A FOXHOLE!

Increased Payroll Deductions will Ease Their Task and Assure Victory

Very few people have ever seen a billion dollars all together in one place. Fifteen billion dollars staggers the average imagination. All most of us know is that it's a tremendously large amount of money. Expecting an average person to appreciate the size of such an amount would be about the same as expecting a man to build a flying fortress single handed. And that's not the way Flying Fortresses get built. They get built because a whole lot of people like yourself and those you know turn out thousands of thousands of parts.

It's the same way with your War Bond buying. None of us can go out into our back yard and build a Flying Fortress, not any more than we can reach down in our jeans and produce a million dollars. But we can do our share. And each of us has an obligation to America to see that we do our share. Each of us must ask and answer the question: "How much am I able to put into WAR BONDS?" Each of us must answer it for himself, honestly and in good faith. We owe that good faith to the men in the Service, the men who are doing the fighting and the dying. They have a right to expect the materials of war to overwhelm the enemy.

We're being asked to buy WAR BONDS to the point where it may cut into our standard of living. Well, what of it? What standard of living do we think a man has in the steaming jungles of the Solomons? Have you ever heard of hot and cold running water in a foxhole? Or room service?



YOUR TAX- AND BOND-DOLLAR

HOW THE GOVERNMENT SPENDS IT

(First Half of 1943)

*Automotive vehicles and equipment, clothing and personal equipment and other expenses.

**Pay, subsistence, travel for armed forces and civilians, agricultural commodities for export and miscellaneous expenses.

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Arch Ward Feature Attraction At Forum Meeting, October 26

Many points of interest on the subject of "Football in the Service Camps," and "Athletics in the Armed Forces," will be covered by Arch Ward, the veteran sports editor and promoter, at the first seasonal meeting of the Employe Forum to be held in Room 1039 and the Home Service Auditorium, Thursday evening, October 26.

Arch Ward, who is sports editor of the Chicago *Tribune*, and promoter of the famous All-Star Game, has been scheduled for a half hour talk, and will be available for a question and answer period after the meeting.

The Forum this year, as in years past, will serve a tasty supper for employes only in Room 1039, beginning at 5:30 p.m., and employes from all sections of the Peoples Gas organization are invited to attend. Following the supper period, there will be dancing, bingo, community singing, and possibly a few entertainment surprises before the regular program starts at 7 p.m.

Yes, We Have No Ranges

(*Continued from Page 4*)

when the War Production Board has released certain quantities of gas refrigerators for sale to persons who certified that they had no refrigerators available for use in their homes. From all we can learn, there are now no gas refrigerators in the hands of manufacturers, so we do not expect any further releases until the War Production Board authorizes the manufacture of new equipment.

The replacement of usable gas burning appliances with more modern and more efficient appliances must therefore await V Day. But if, in the meantime, the funds that would be used in the purchase of such items, are invested in U. S. War Bonds, they will one day be available for the acquisition of the post-war models of gas appliances which, like their predecessors, will have the beauty and operating efficiency that will stir the pride of their possessors. They will be worth waiting for and, in the meantime, the purchase of War Bonds will be a vital contribution to Victory.

THE Women's Slant

BY MARTHA HOLMES, AND MARIE C. MEYERS

Christmas Deadline

"It's later than you think!" No matter how many times you've heard these words before, or in what light they were spoken, they were never more pertinent than in regard to mailing Christmas packages to our men and women in the Armed Forces—and who deserves them more!

You must act now as the deadline for sending packages overseas is alarmingly near—October 15 for those in the Army; November 1 for those in the Navy and Marines.

Just what can we put in these packages to warm the hearts (and stomachs) of those "over there"? The kind of food we send is very important since mail passes through all sorts of climates—from the very coldest to the warmest and most humid. And the time en route sometimes extends into months.

Fruit cakes are ideal for mailing purposes and are certainly in order for the Yuletide season.

There are innumerable kinds of cookies which pack well. Two favorites are chocolate date bars and chocolate fruit drops. And brownies always meet the approval of any male, young or old.

An especially appealing candy is vanilla caramels rolled in pecans. Then there are others—peanut brittle, butterscotch, chocolate covered caramels, and peanut clusters.

Peanuts themselves, kept in small glass jars, will meet the boys' approval, as will the unshelled variety which might also act as a shock absorber.

TO PACK CAKES AND COOKIES FOR MAILING

1. Pack only large cookies. Small cakes and cookies crumble from jostling of package.
2. Wrap each cookie separately in wax paper.
3. Do not send yeast products or light, fluffy cakes.
4. Send *baked* fruit cakes only, not steamed fruit cakes.
5. Remove cakes from pans when baked, but do not remove paper lining from sides or bottom of cake.
6. Cool thoroughly. Decorate and glaze if desired.
7. Pack cake firmly in *metal container*. To keep cake from slipping and cracking, pad bottom and sides with crushed tissue covered with wax paper.
8. Pad cover also. Cover tightly. Tie securely.
9. Seal container well to prevent moisture or steam from penetrating cake, causing mold and spoilage while in hold of ship or in warm, humid climates.
10. Cover whole container with cardboard box. Tie securely.

Call Wabash 6000 for recipes of the aforementioned and other ideas which will make your Christmas box to someone on the war front a sure success.

Swan Song

Apparently the pompadour hair style is decidedly "no more." This information came to light in a talk by a leading fashion authority who said that out of the 300 hats recently viewed in New York only five could be worn with a pompadour. The new hats call for the bun at the nape of the neck or the very short slightly curled at the ends coiffures.

Change of Scene

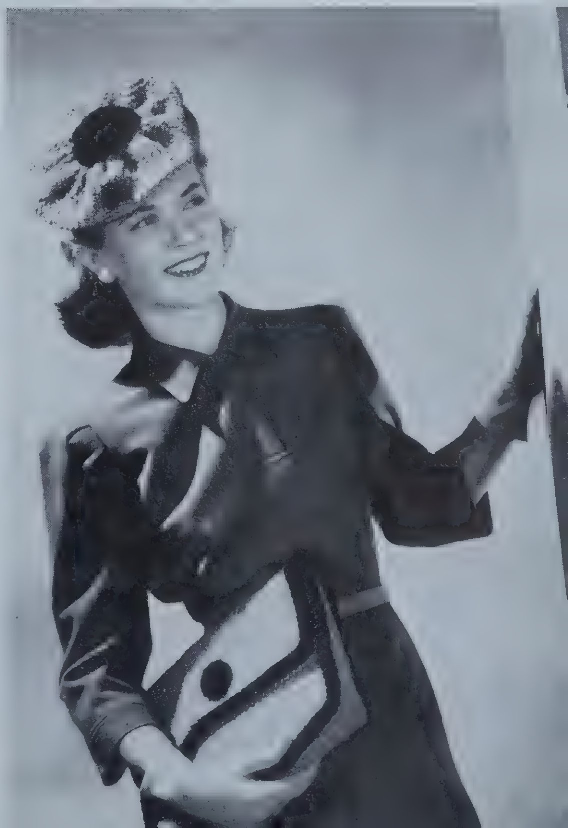
If you have a light-colored painted coffee table with a glass top, something new can be added by putting under the glass various colorful flowers, maiden hair fern, delicate leaves. This forms a pattern which is reminiscent of a lacy Victorian valentine.

Keep Them Shining

A barrage of questions have lately come into our Home Service department about the care of kitchen utensils. Housewives hesitate to throw away even the most badly scarred pot or pan. This is wise because sometimes just a little extra work will restore these pans to usefulness. It is wise, too, because they will be very difficult to replace for the duration. Here are a few suggestions about utensil care which you might not already know about: For a hard to remove stain in an aluminum pan, boil water and vinegar in it. . . . Food that has stuck to an enamel pan is easily loosened by boiling in it water and a small amount of baking soda. . . . Cast iron frying pans and kettles should always be kept clean and dry. They will remain rustproof and clean after being rubbed with a salt-free oil, such as mineral oil. Wash before using again.

Pretty as the Picture

This attractive crocheted beret and bag ensemble is getting quite a nod from fashion-wise girls. They realize the value of its beautiful color accents for a dark fall costume. The dainty-group stitch is easy to follow and takes little time. If you are interested in making this set, the directions are obtainable in GAS NEWS office, Room 1620.



At left, Jack Neises and James Bogie are being prepared by nurse Johnson for their blood donation. Neises, catching the spirit of cheerfulness in the place, smiles at one of Bogie's puns.

PLASMA FOR VICTORY

Seventeen Men from Meter Repair Make Mass Donation of Blood to Red Cross

On September 7, seventeen employes of the Meter Repair Department, located at the Warehouse Building, 45 E. Pershing Road, visited the Red Cross Blood Donor Center for the SECOND time, all going through together in one afternoon.

Because this was their second mass donation, and they had come to familiar surroundings, knowing how simple and painless the procedure really is, they made a good time of it—joking with the staff of the center and enjoying the experience.

This is one of the largest mass donations to be made at the center, although the individual contributions of Gas Company employes to the blood bank are quite numerous, especially from the district shops where bulletins record the number from each location who have visited the Red Cross center.

A person can be a donor every ten weeks. Several employes have taken advantage of this opportunity to make repeated visits to the blood bank, and help erase the names which are written on bullets, bombs, and shells that the enemy is forging for our men in service.

The need is urgent, and will be as long as the war lasts. Employes can register for a donation with the Blood Donor Service headquarters, 5 North Wabash Avenue, or make a phone appointment on Wabash 7850.

Here's a lineup of Meter Repairmen having their temperature taken—one of the several "check-up" procedures made before the donation takes place. They are: Henry Schlau, Al Freund, Hugo Gustafson, and George Burns.

YOUR GIFT TO OUR FIGHTING MEN

Through the miracle of blood plasma we can give, not tears, but valuable assistance to our wounded fellow Americans. Modern medical science has given us a means of extending mercy, to minimize the destruction of lives on the fighting front. Make your Reservation for a donation TODAY.

Above, the registered nurse is telling Pat Anderson how to hold his arm in the bleeding room during the donation.

At right, Andrew Klawitter is having his blood pressure and medical history recorded before moving on to the next station.

Top left, the nurse smiles as Eddie Haugh tells her, "It doesn't hurt a bit."

Directly above, Swede Carlson and Frank Bessler receive their hemoglobin test to check on the red and white corpuscles. "You're O.K.," says the nurse.

At right, the Meter Repairmen assemble after passing through the Blood Donor Center to take a little refreshment and chat interestedly about the experience. They are: Charles Thome, Jack Neises, Andy Klawitter, Walter Priebe, James Bogie, Fred Hanson, Hugo Gustafson, Al Freund, George Burns, Walter Samaraz, Ed. Carlson, and Pat Anderson.

Letters FROM OUR MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

George Greben
Merchant Marines
c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

By the way—how come North Shop lost the ball game at the Riverview picnic? What's the matter with you fellows? Guess we'll have to get our old team back and show you boys how it's done.

I'm brown as a coffee bean and in the pink. I've been to quite a few places and seen quite a little action, especially in Sicily.

Pvt. Robert J. McAdams
c/o Postmaster
Los Angeles, Calif.

Here I am in the middle of the Arizona desert. We're now on maneuvers and, believe me, it's still plenty warm. It's very lonely out here as we've nothing in the way of entertainment. We're over a hundred miles from the nearest town which is Phoenix.

I'm in perfect health and now weigh 200 lbs.

Pvt. Robert McAdams, snapped somewhere in Arizona.

Recent visitors to Central District were: Pvt. Jack Barry, of the 603rd Coast Artillery shown at right; and Cpl. James V. Ciolino, of the 64th Air Transport Squadron.

Tom Mulvihill
U. S. Naval Training Station
Great Lakes, Illinois

I heard that the Company is hiring women to fill various positions. Suppose you fellows at Central are installing mirrors and powder puffs on the desks to take care of emergencies.

When you enter the Navy you are named Mac and from then on—no matter what you are doing or where you are—when the word Mac is heard you look up full of attention. I have found that the best way to get good food at mess is to ask the Chef where he is from and no matter where it is say that you are from there, too. He'll load your tray full of the best he has. Always boost the Chef and Officers' home towns and your biggest worry is over.

We have quite a few notables here—namely Si Johnson, the pitcher; Bobby Riggs of tennis; Bob Elson of radio; and many more who entertain frequently.

P.F.C. S. J. Adams
c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

When you mentioned turkey at Harding's and good old Pabst Blue Ribbon, you had me drooling at the mouth. We have corned beef and cabbage. Of course, it isn't in the Harding fashion, but we manage to enjoy it and to put on weight. As the Limeys over here say, I now weigh 10 stones and 4 lbs. (144 lbs.) which is about 12 lbs. more than I was back in civilian life.

James A. Welling
Fort McClellan, Ala.

I am fighting the war from the hospital. During training, I got a bad infection in my right arm and have been laid up for four weeks now.

Tell the boys that if their feet are bothering them, they should join the Infantry and then they'll think walking at work is a pleasure hike. Down here they walk the boys 25 miles and think nothing of it.

Lt. William Egan
c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

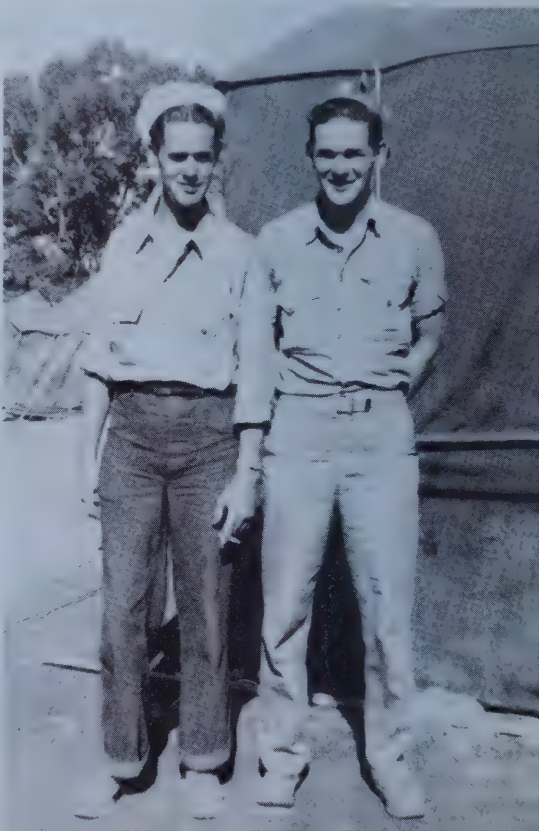
We're back in England again. I was glad to leave the desert. It was all right at first, but after awhile it started to get awfully monotonous.

We haven't been doing much these past few days. I have been taking it easy—catching up on my reading and correspondence. We are scheduled to get a three-day pass soon, so I guess I'll go in and see London again.

We spent two months down in the desert—and got to know the Arabs pretty well. They sold us eggs each morning. When the Americans first came down there, they could get 4 eggs for a package of American cigarettes. Towards the end, the Arabs tried to get as much out of us as they could and began by charging us two packages of cigarettes for 3 eggs. They wouldn't accept money.

I have twelve missions to my credit. Each member of our crew was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for participating in a recent raid.

Uncle Robert McCormick, U. S. N., and his nephew John Curran, U. S. Marines, pictured below, employes of North Shop, met unexpectedly in the South Pacific area. John Curran wrote home concerning the incident: "How do you like this? I come way down to the South Pacific, everything was just going nice when someone tapped me on the back and told me to take it easy. Who was it but my Uncle Bob. He followed me way down here. Sherman was right."



Seventeen Suggesters Win Awards For Time and Money-Saving Ideas

Every suggester, whose idea saves time, material, or money, makes a very definite contribution to the war effort. This month, therefore, we doff our collective hats to a group of employes who are in there pitching.

John Naylor, Meter Reading Superintendent, presents a suggestion award check to August Magistrelli, who cashed in on three ideas in one month.

August Magistrelli, Irving Park meter reader, spent a few weeks at the downtown office, and hit upon three ideas for saving man-hours. One idea suggested a change in the method for charging books to meter readers. Another proposed the use of a mimeographed form listing meter reader books to simplify the report made out by the routing clerk for the Bookkeeping department. Mr. Magistrelli's third idea proposed a mimeographed form for use in giving customers' keys to meter readers. Each idea received ten dollars, two of these being preliminary awards.

W. G. Kelsey, Customers, was twenty dollars richer because of two ideas which he cashed in for ten dollars apiece. F. J. Klawitter, Central District, submitted two five dollar suggestions. Other ten dollar winners were: A. L. Tourville, Crawford; Howard Anderson, Division Street Station; R. C. Potthoff, and J. G. Sheehy, Customers Order; and E. J. Shuma, Domestic Sales. Another Central District suggester, Harold Moroney, received eight dollars for two ideas which he submitted.

Five dollar winners were: C. J. Poppelreiter, Central; G. A. Scheck, Division St. Station; M. J. Keller, Stores; Rose Lass and Peggy Loftus, Treasury; W. E. Mester, Correspondence; R. M. O'Brien, Crawford; and Mary J. Morris, Building.

In just three months the current Suggestion Contest will end. A first, second, and third prize in War Bonds will be awarded to those suggesters who have earned the greatest number of cash awards ($5 or more) for their ideas. The suggestions turned in during the next few months will decide the winners. So . . . Why Not Submit a Suggestion Today?

Employes Who Entered Military Service During September, 1943

Bruno P. Burba—Credit & Collection
Anthony Calabrese — Credit & Collection
Earl Chouinard—Credit & Collection
Nicholas E. Connors — Central District
Henry J. Cooper—Bill Delivery
Arthur E. Hula—Meter Reading
Emil G. Irving—Bookkeeping
Randolph Johnson — Crawford Station
Phillip R. Murawski — Warehouse Building
Thomas F. O'Connell, Jr. — Central District
John A. Parker—Gas Dispatching
John T. Ward—Meter Reading
Richard J. Wheaton — Gas Dispatching

Retired from Service October 1, 1943

Winifred B. Clark Meter Reading	23 years 7 months
Michael Orzehouski Crawford Station	15 years 8 months
Mathias Raminiak Crawford Station	15 years 8 months

LIBRARY NOTES

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

Rush Magazine Subscriptions — It isn't too early to give some thought to those magazines you may want to give for Christmas gifts. Consult us at your convenience and we shall be glad to assist you.

A new book covering products which have been recently developed in order to replace critical materials which have become difficult or impossible to obtain due to present conditions, is ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SUBSTITUTES AND SYNTHETICS, by Morris D. Schoengold. The book discusses sustitutes of interest to all branches of industry, manufacture and Pharmaceutics from aluminum to quinine. Also included are comprehensive explanations of plastics and other synthetics which for years have been replacing many of the commonly known applications of metal. . . . The editors of the magazine ELECTRONICS have published volume 3 of the ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING MANUAL in which they have gathered together some of the most important and useful articles that have appeared in the recent issues of the magazine. The book is divided into four sections. Section one deals with Industrial Application; Section two, Sound Reproduction & Communication; Section three, Broadcast & Television, and Section four, Design and Research. . . . INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, prepared under the supervision of R. P. Blake, Senior Safety Engineer, Division of Labor Standards, U.S. Dept. of Labor, is a new up-to-the-minute guide to modern methods of Industrial Accident Prevention. This new text is based not only on Blake's experience of over 30 years in safety work, but also on that of six other men who are recognized as leading authorities in the branches of safety engineering in which they have specialized. Not only does INDUSTRIAL SAFETY discuss in plain, understandable language the fundamental principles of safety engineering, but it also presents in detail the methods and techniques which have demonstrated their success in preventing and reducing accidents in actual practice.

Health HOW TO KEEP IT

BY DR. L. W. MORREY, D. D. S.

Few of us realize that the ability to eat and digest wholesome food has as much to do with a person's health, strength, and endurance as selecting the proper diet.

Dr. Ernest Goldhorn, in The Journal of the American Dental Association, sums up the situation this way: "Most people are fastidious about the foods they eat. Cleanliness in its preparation is of utmost importance. They abhor the lowly fly as the arch contaminator, but they are totally indifferent to the wholesale contamination that occurs in the process of chewing with decayed teeth and in septic (infected) mouths."

Statistics reveal that only 22 out of every 100 persons at the average age of 35 are free of infected teeth.

But bad teeth just don't stop at being bad teeth. The medical world is of the opinion that many human ills have their origin in the oral cavity. Sir William Osler, one the of the great men in medicine, said, "The problem of mouth hygiene and the care of the teeth is the most important of all public health measures. There is no single thing in preventive medicine that equals mouth hygiene and the preservation of teeth."

A recent survey by a leading life insurance company revealed that out of 2,530 deaths, 22.5 per cent showed definite infection of teeth or mouth. It would appear therefore that care of your teeth is an important factor in adding years to your life.

Brush your teeth regularly for the sake of cleanliness and as an aid in the prevention of decay, and choose a well-rounded diet. To insure complete freedom from tooth ills obtain periodically the expert dental cleaning and attention only a dentist can provide.

In wartime every hour on the job counts and absenteeism hurts. Your dental welfare and physical fitness is vital to America's march to Victory.

Goggles Are Rose Colored Glasses to Mike O'Toole

Michael O'Toole, North District street mechanic, has two good eyes. But if it weren't for his safety goggles he'd be minus one. Now, Mike stands ready and willing to express his feelings on the value of eye protection while on the job.

It all happened when Mike was breaking concrete with an air gun on August 25. A piece of concrete flew upward, the force of the impact being so great that it shattered the safety glass. Mike doesn't mind the discomfort of wearing his goggles. He knows that the safety of his sight is much more important. Here is another practical demonstration of the common sense in the following motto for workmen whose eyes are exposed to hazards during working hours: "BE WISE—SAVE YOUR EYES—WEAR SAFETY GOGGLES."

Michael O'Toole

First Aid Courses Start Soon

A free employe first aid course, consisting of one two-hour session, one evening a week, will begin soon. The course will continue for a period of 10 weeks, after which students who pass the final test will receive a Red Cross certificate.

Employes desiring to enroll are urged to contact the Safety Section, Room 757, local 816. At the time of enrollment, the Safety Section would like to have the employe's name, department, Company phone number, and the day of the week on which he or she can attend.

New Gas Post Officers To Be Installed Oct. 19

The new officers of Peoples Gas Post No. 336, the American Legion, will be installed at a stag banquet to be held at the Columbia Yacht Club, Washington Street and the Lake, on October 19. According to the legionnaires staging the 20th annual event, dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the ceremony will follow. Ducats for the affair will sell for $1.50; Comrade T. R. Kearney, local 544 will control the ticket sales.

The men who will guide the post during the year following the installation are: Christ Madiol, Accounting, Commander; Senior Vice Commander Ivan G. Anderson, Meter Repair; Junior Vice Commander Albert A. Ward, Commercial Sales; Treasurer Albert J. Frendahl, Treasury; Chaplain Herman L. Gogele, North District; and Sergeant-at-arms Leo LaGesse, Central District. Members of the Board of Directors who were elected to serve a three-year term are: S. J. Modzikowski, Testing; Charles Wege, Calumet Station; Joseph Stoesser, Property Accounting, and Herbert W. MacPherson.

Lt. J. H. Perkins Reported Killed In Action

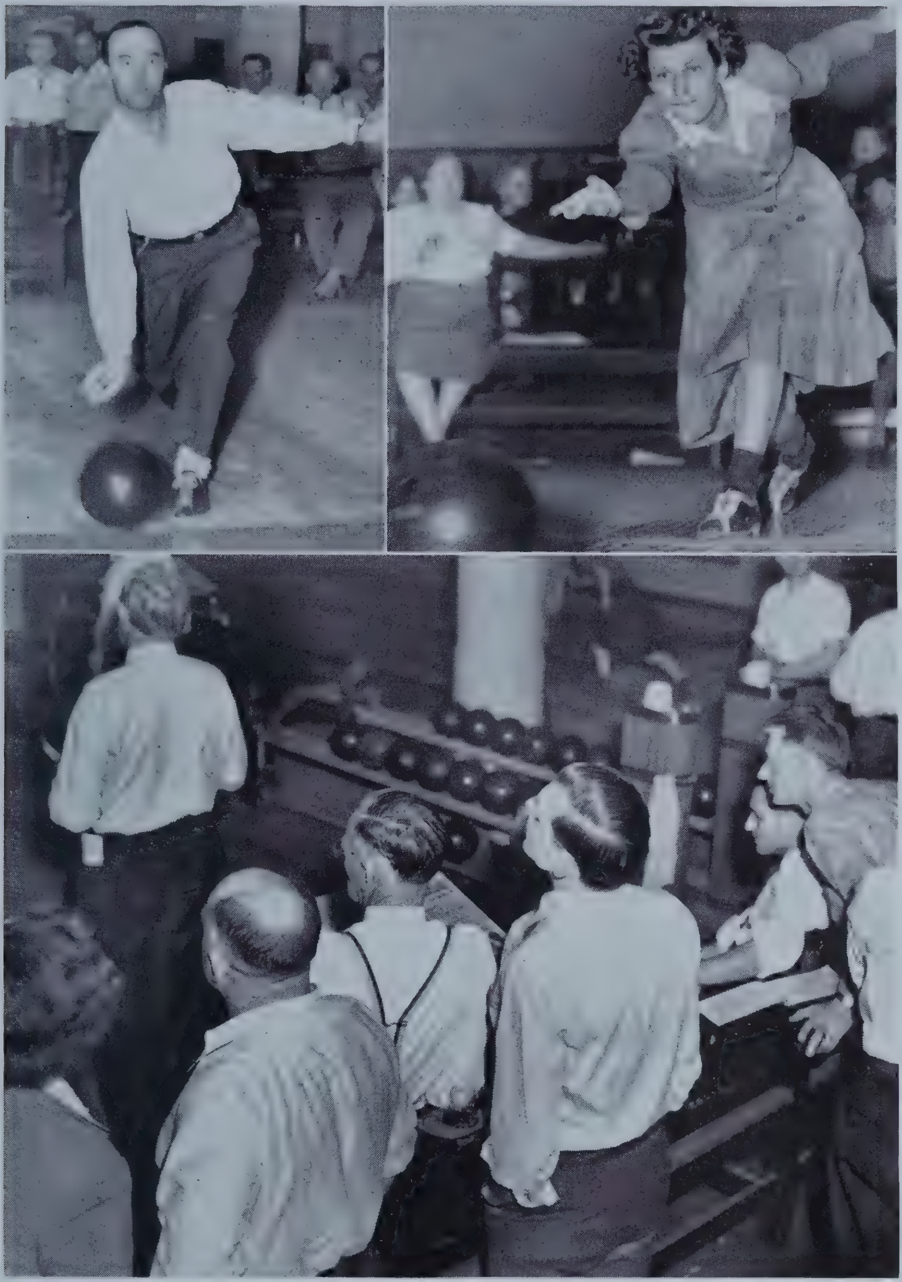
Lt. John H. Perkins, Jr., formerly a part time employe at South District, only son of Annuitant John Perkins, has been reported killed in action over France, according to an official announcement from the War Department. Lt. Perkins was pilot of the "Windy City Challenger," who was cited for heroism in action, and whose bombing feats over Germany and German-occupied France were the pride of Chicagoans serving in England.

T. J. Moore Succumbs To Heart Attack

Thomas J. Moore, Chief Clerk at Central District, died suddenly on the evening of September 28 of a heart attack while on his way home from a District forum meeting. Mr. Moore, who as a young man became contender for the lightweight boxing championship, and who later became a well known dog fancier, was an employe of the Company for slightly over 38 years.

Club Bowling Season Begins

18 Teams Start Fall Competition Downtown



The above pictures are representative of the action which took place at the bowling alleys on the opening night, September 17, when the men's and women's leagues of the Peoples Gas Club swung into their 1943-44 season. At top, left, Andrew "Scotty" White, Elevators, starts one off; top right, Ruth Lautenbach, General Accounting, sizzles the ball down the stretch. The bottom photo shows part of the Gas Post and Credit and Collection teams which tangled on the opening night.

Service Anniversaries

OCTOBER, 1943

40 YEARS

Lane, Patrick F., Meter Reading

35 YEARS

Marsh, David W., Credit & Collection
Riggle, Roger W., Central District

30 YEARS

Windhorn, Diedrich H., Bookkeeping
Bruck, Peter G., Central District
Tierney, Timothy I., North District

25 YEARS

Stoffel, Clara B., Bookkeeping
Miller, Raymond H., Credit & Collection
Atkinson, Rose, Meter Shop
McGrath, Alma G., Treasury Receiving
Wachsning, Henry J., North Dist.
Valentini, Rose A., Customers' Order
Broadbent, Jessie R., Customers' Order

GAS around the World

BY WILLIAM HELME

War tires—It has been estimated that more than 100,000 barrels a day of normal butane are available from natural gas. If this were used just for butadiene—a principal base of synthetic rubber—it would satisfy the entire butadiene requirements of our present synthetic rubber program. Is the synthetic rubber product equal to the natural? Experts say that, in general, it is at least equivalent. It is superior to natural rubber in gasoline, oil, and chemical resistance. It is more stable to light and air and has greater wearing properties. Some trucks using synthetic rubber tires have gone over 35,000 miles, climbing hills with little side-slipping. On curves at high speeds, the synthetic tire is safer than the natural. One can feel confident that synthetic rubber tires will evolve with a life of at least 100,000 miles. The tires may well outlive the motor car.

Ground for divorce—A recent issue of TIME tells of a divorce suit in our fair city wherein a lady charged that her husband would not let her cook with gas. The lady is now free to choose a gas-loving mate. Next case.

Farm and orchard—According to POPULAR MECHANICS, even the farmer and orchardist can "do it better with gas." Ethylene is used to accelerate the ripening of citrus fruits. Ethylene and propylene stimulate potato growth and shorten the growing season for tomatoes, grapefruit, and oranges. German botanists report up to 100 per cent increase in the yield of potatoes from seeds treated with ethylene gas, besides a richer vitamin C content. The Russians found butylene gas hastens maturity of the walnut, peach, apple, cherry, plum, apricot, and pear. The trees are inclosed in tents for about two weeks before the start of the growth cycle and butylene gas is fed into the tent.

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No foolin'—A gas company in England is displaying a notice in a show window which reads, "During an alert we shall remain open. In the event of a direct hit we shall close at once."

First Aid—SAFETY'S LITTLE HELPER

Safety's little helper is a saver of lives and a preserver of war manpower. Here are a few points of interest on the subject as outlined in the Operating Division Supervisors' Safety Contest. They are presented to acquaint employes with the important things to remember if an accident should occur while on the job.

SINCE the war began, many hundreds of thousands of people in all walks of life have been and are now studying the fundamentals of first aid. With so many millions of people doing work that is strange to them, and even working in factories with new machinery of all kinds for the first time in their lives, first aid is an important war accessory. It is a subject that has taken on a new meaning because, now more than ever before, it is serving an important purpose in helping to preserve our vital manpower.

Ray Carty, of South District, shows the use of tannic acid jelly. It is applied directly to a sterile dressing, which, in turn, is used to cover the burned area. Joe Spain is receiving the attention.

First aid is safety's helper. When an injury does occur, immediate and proper first aid assistance for the victim prevents aggravation and promotes healing. It saves lives in cases of serious bleeding, stoppage of breathing, and poisoning. Infections which are caused by germs entering a scratch or break in the skin can be prevented by early application of first aid.

First aid training is of such value to safety that in the Operating Division Supervisors' Safety Contest, the rating of winners involves the grading of the contestants based on first aid knowledge as follows:

1, knowledge of procedure; 2, condition and supply of equipment; 3, reports; 4, follow-up; and 5, artificial respiration.

Knowledge of Procedure

Because the foreman or supervisor has the responsibility for seeing that every injured man under his direction receives the necessary first aid or medical attention, he is the one who should be first notified of the accident if he is available. The foreman's or supervisor's knowledge of first aid places him in a position to know how each case should be handled. If he is not available, however, he should be sent for, and meanwhile help should be secured immediately for every injury, no matter how slight.

Condition and Supply

The availability of first aid equipment is of prime importance if all injuries are to be given proper attention. Checking to see that these materials are on hand and in good condition is the task of the supervisor, whether the supplies are for the pocket, tool bag, truck, street barrow, or in the first aid room of a department.

Clyde Traise, Central District, is demonstrating the application of the tourniquet, which should be used only after other means of controlling bleeding have failed. Joe Rizzetto loaned his arm for the picture.

Reporting Accidents

For all accidents occurring on the job, a form must be properly filled in. No permanent personal record is maintained of first aid cases, so no employe needs to worry about his record when accepting first aid treatment. The employe who neglects to secure first aid is the one who should worry, as the danger of infection is ever present when an injury occurs.

Follow-up Cooperation

First aid does not end with the first application on an injury. The follow-up is the necessary watching and checking to see that the injury is healing properly. It is an action through which the injured employe, the supervisor, the first aider, and the physician must all cooperate.

George Burns demonstrates the "soap and water" technique of treating wounds used with so much success at our Meter Repair department. Hugo Gustafson poses as the patient.

Artificial Respiration

Every employe should have a knowledge of artificial respiration, so that he will be ready to save a life when he encounters a person whose breathing has stopped due to drowning, electric shock, or other causes. An article will soon be published in this magazine on the subject.

Vincent Fortunato Wins 1943 Tennis Championship

SATURDAY, September 11, the men's tennis group held its annual tournament at the Oak Park tennis club.

Vincent Fortunato, Testing, emerged as champion. Second place went to Michael Nolan, Bookkeeping; third, to Walter Matys, Customer Accounting.

DEPARTMENTAL SECTION

Calumet Station

BY WILTON BROWN

WE WERE ALL GLAD to hear from Lt. William Egan, and especially proud to know that he was awarded "The Distinguished Flying Cross." Keep 'Em Flying, Bill. . . . We were all sorry to see Gerald Schwartz leave us. Our loss is 110th Street Station's gain. We wish you the best of luck, "Gerry." . . . The welcome mat is out for John Drysdale, who was recently transferred to our Station. . . . We were glad to see Tom Creighton back at his job after a seven-week sick spell. He looks fine but we wonder what happened to that waist line. . . . With vacations all over, the stories are not about fishing and travel as usual but center around the high spots of this Chicago Area. Quite a place when you stay around to look it over, isn't it?

Service Dispatching Section

BY GEORGE T. KAZUNAS

FAREWELLS: To Ray Schmitz, now at South District, and to Ray Warne, now North District. Both are now Special Servicemen. . . . CANNING FOR VICTORY: All members of our group are canning to the limits of storage capacity. Bill Cary's garden suffered a major disaster from hailstones, and Bill had to buy all his canned goods. Harry Burns had Larry O'Connor and Art Gervais scouring the countryside for choice tomatoes. The Burns canning schedule is so complete it is necessary for Harry to "punch the clock" to get away. . . . DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT NOTES: Congratulations to Ed Cody whose promotion to rank of 2nd Lt. in the Illinois Reserve Militia was recently confirmed. Johnny Drysdale's transfer to Calumet Station must end our "Johnny and Madalyn" notes, and regretfully. . . . SOCIAL: Who is the new girl-friend, Adolph? You might introduce her.

Three graduates of the Customers department, Frank Schweizer, Bert Badgley, and Andy Walker—residents of St. Petersburg, Florida, and all points south.

Coke Sales

BY MARGARET VAN NEST

THE ARMY AND NAVY were well represented recently when we received surprise visits from Ray Schmitt and Ed Becvar, home on furlough. The boys certainly looked good and were full of interesting conversation. Ed has finished his boot training at Great Lakes and Ray his preliminary training at Camp McQuaide, California, and they now await further orders. Happy landings, fellows! . . . We sympathize with Neil McCarthy in the loss of his father, who had been an invalid for many years. . . . An interesting spectacle was witnessed last month when hordes of Monarch butterflies chose the trees outside our office windows as the starting point for their annual migration to the Gulf states. The dark green of the poplar trees especially was beautifully contrasted with the bright orange-brown of the butterflies, which hung in great clusters from the branches. There was a hurried scramble to brush up on our natural history, as the popular opinion was that butterflies were very short lived, but seein' is believin', and now we have another set of facts to add to our burden of knowledge.

Customers

BY RICHARD J. CAHILL

WITH THE VOICES of the "But Wiser" octet ringing in his ears, Pvt. Jack Kenitz said au revoir to his old friends and began his training as a Marine. . . . Bill Schueler spent a very busy month judging garden and flower shows throughout Cook County. That's the price you pay for knowing the difference between a rose and a tomato. . . . Welcome to Sandra Ann Lange who arrived at the Walter Lange home on September 14. . . . Just about a year ago we announced the arrival of Norman Evans Wadman, heir to the Ray Wadman fortune, and here he is out for a little spin without any worries about A coupons. . . . Margaret Malmborg and Joe Clarke were on the sick list but have returned in tip top shape. . . . Remember the old timers pictured below? Frank Schweizer and Bert Badgley are now permanent residents of St. Petersburg, Florida, but it's not so easy to keep Andy Walker in one place. He spends his summers in Long Lake, Illinois, and his winters wherever it's warm. Last winter it was Florida—this winter it's Albuquerque, New Mexico. . . . Pvt. Art Weber visited us and he looks doggone classy in brown.

Purchasing Department

BY HELEN LAMEIKA

ONE DAY, after three weeks of vacationing, George Scent ardently ushered himself into the office and explained that in spite of the "C" gas coupons becoming invalid at the opening of his vacation period he had had a "censored" good time. . . . Mr. LeForge was responsible recently for the gayety which ascended in his neighborhood while the fun and frolic of a community harvest festival went on. A fine way of keeping up the morale and work. . . . Clarence Patterson continues stepping into garden contests and stepping out with awards. The Gas Company and the Chicago Lawn and Marquette Park Community entries resulted in $9.25 in Defense Stamps.

No worry about A coupons in this young man's life. And, if that grin on Norman Wadman's face means anything, it looks like great sport.

North Sales

BY R. C. MARTIN

WE WERE PLEASANTLY surprised when Shipfitter 1/C Alex Merutka dropped in on us during his ten-day leave, following sea duty on a PC boat somewhere in the Atlantic. Ernie Hellstern was home on a nine-day leave, after having completed training at Great Lakes. . . . We are glad to have Phil Rearick back with us again. He was a Captain in the 35th Battalion at Camp Leonard Wood and received an honorable discharge due to a leg injury. . . . Our latest word from Signalman 2/C Pete McAuslan comes from Cleveland, Ohio, where he has been taking advanced training at the Diesel School, preparatory to duty on a YMS boat. . . . According to Major Dom Bergelis' last letter, he has frequently wined and dined with Captain Ed Hahn and Captain Bob Ingeman at their base in Australia. . . . Chief Petty Officer John Strong maintains a prominent position in keeping the Navy men well fed at Navy Pier.

Personnel

BY MARIAN BRYANT

When Bob Leitner left the Company for his new position at Niagara Falls, his former co-workers presented him with a pen and pencil set together with many good wishes for his continued success in the business world. . . . Tom McCarthy, Seaman 2/C, is now working in the Provost Marshall's office in Norfolk, Virginia, and reports the work to his liking. . . . Very often a small boat follows in the wake of our aircraft carrier training ships and very often our Pharmacists Mate, Mike McNichols, is aboard this craft prepared to render first aid to the boys in blue during their plane maneuvers. . . . We extend a welcome to Anne Yocum, the newest member of our department. No, she's *not* from Dogpatch! . . . While two of our vacationers, Verena McCarville and Joe Hoberg, remained in Chicago, two others, Harriet Grund and Marylou Swigart, reported enjoyable times spent in Mississippi and Lakehurst, New Jersey, respectively. . . . Bernice Gleason and Rosemary Steinwand both spent the Labor Day weekend in Wisconsin—Rosemary in Colby, the town famous for its cheese. Town and country mice please note!

Auditing

BY ALBERT DRIGOT

Edward W. Regan has been welcomed into the department and is fully entitled to our "rights and privileges." . . . A new baby girl is at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hayes—Congratulations! At the rate this department has been building its very young generation, no one can say we are slackening on the production front. . . . Margarets Foster and Rodwick, Margery Voigt, and Robert Pavelchik have invaded Northwestern University in quest of higher learning, so don't be too quizzical of any furrowed brows on their fair faces. . . . That adage, "no news is good news," is not always appreciated. Where are you, Sgt. Jim McCreight?

Photographic

BY MYRLE THATCHER

News from the Front:—The U. S. Army newspaper, "The Stars and Stripes" arrived with a letter from Sgt. William Beuke, who is serving with Uncle Sam's Armed Forces in Africa. . . . Air Cadet Fred Kann has at long last reported to Amarillo, Texas, the Army air field. Keep 'em flying, Freddie. . . . Home gossip:—Elmer Beckwith is the proud wearer of a silver (3rd time blood donor) pin. He has already signed up for his fourth donation. Good work, El.

Correspondence

BY ESTHER FREDERICK

We present a picture of Mr. and Mrs. William Fefes, at least that is what Willie led us to believe when we saw him recently. The wedding was scheduled for the last week in September out in California where they have balmy breezes and ocean waves. Our very best wishes to them and congratulations to Bill on his reinstatement into the Air Corps where we all hope he makes a brilliant name for himself. . . . Our Servicemen are all apparently very busy in their respective theaters of war but we enjoy receiving any communication from them be it even a post-card. . . . Bill Lubben is still in Lowell, Massachusetts, where he would enjoy receiving any mail from his Company friends. He is staying at the U.S.O. . . . Autumn is officially with us now that Nurse's Aide, Ruth Sblewski, has assumed regular duties at the Illinois Masonic Hospital. . . . Isabelle Hankel will be telling us soon, we hope, of her sensations on that first eventful solo flight. Remember, Izzy, it's a long drop to the ground, so you better make up your mind to keep cloud-hopping.

Two newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. William Fefes, bask in California sunshine. Bill was formerly in the Correspondence department.

Stores—Warehouse

BY MARIE J. LEHMANN

Corporal Francis Benham dropped in to see us while home on a furlough. He looks fine and is very anxious to go over and show the enemy that we are "Cooking with Gas." Francis is now stationed at Camp Fannin, Texas. . . . We were very sorry to lose Doris Jacobson, who left the Stationery Section the early part of September, but hope she will be happy in her new field—teaching in Toccoa Falls, Georgia. . . . William Miller was confined to St. Luke's Hospital for a week, but we are happy to report that he is back on the job again.

Chicago District Pipeline

BY EDMUND REED

The recent wiener roast held by the Chicago District and Natural Gas Co. was enjoyed by every one present. . . . Everyone at the Meter Station has been enjoying the delicious muskmelons brought out by Bert Coldwater. . . . With the cool weather and threatening of frost these evenings some of the fellows have been plenty worried about their tomato crops. . . . At this time of year we all wish to pat Clarence Moon on the back for his splendid job of caring for the lawn and producing such beautiful flower beds. . . . Frank Martin recently resigned his position with the Company and at last report is with the Electro-Motive Corp. . . . Your scribe was recently rejected in an attempt to join the "Seabees," and so will have to be content on the home front. . . . Doc Harmening is now working from the Field Office and Milt Rogers is working out of the Meter Station.

Meter Reading

BY STEPHEN A. FORAN

Anyone interested in having their basement cleaned, just get in touch with Bill Loftus. He is getting in trim for his basic training. . . . To salve the injured dignity of one of our boys in Service, we correct ourselves (and the printer) and state that Bill Gewerth's name is spelled Gewerth. We ought to know—eh, Bill? . . . It is a sincere pleasure for us when our fellows, now batting for Uncle Sam, drop around to see this outfit. Four of the most recent were Joe Myers, who worked out of Irving Park store, Bill Ryan of 63rd St. store, Ed Zurk and Don Becker from Main office. If they feel like they look, they feel like a million! . . . Some of the fellows loaned to us by other departments have returned to their old haunts. Already they are watching for signs of those protruding paunches. . . . Practically everybody likes apples. And this rule finds no exception in the person of John Apple, another comparative newcomer to the fold. For a little man, John can really get around. . . . For possessor of the most contagious laugh, we offer Bill Thomas. With his infectious chuckle, he brightens up the gloomiest day. And he's ready to laugh at the drop of a hat, bless 'im. . . . Ed Dorgan, of The Dorgans, has left us to enter the Armed Services. All of us wish him the best of luck and a speedy return to this department. . . . August Magistrelli worked in the main office during the vacation period and is thirty dollars richer for the experience. August kept his eyes open and his mind working and came up with several suggestions which clicked.

Central District

BY JOHN F. BALCOM

CENTRAL'S BOWLING LEAGUE is now in full swing. Supt. Peter G. Bruck officially opened the 1943 and 1944 season by not only rolling the first ball, but made this ball count for his team's first strike of the evening, In the absence of Asst. Supt. William J. Menet, Mr. Charles Wege, member of the Beverly Ridge Home Owners Association and Asst. Supt. of Division St. Station, has lent a great deal of assistance to Mr. Menet's teammates, and has also established a very good average for himself. . . . Two more names have been added to our Servicemen's Honor Roll: Nicholas Connors and Thomas O'Connell answered Uncle Sam's call to the colors and are now in the Armed Services of our country. Best wishes, fellows, and don't forget to drop us a few lines now and then. . . . The next issue of our "Servicemen's News" is due for publication in the very near future. If you have any news that may be used for this next issue, please contact *yours truly* and your offering will be greatly appreciated. . . . Wishes for a speedy recovery go to Bert Atkinson this month. Sorry to hear of your illness Bert, and we hope to see you back in the best of health again, in the very near future. Also to all our other boys who are absent because of illnesses, we send wishes for a speedy recovery. . . . At this writing William J. Menet is still vacationing. We hope to hear some adventurous vacation stories from him when he returns. . . . Street Foreman Michael Devanie spent the greater part of his vacation watching the City Water Pipe Ext. make necessary repairs near his home. Can't get away from it all, eh Mike? . . . James O'Boyle, U. S. Navy, stopped in and paid us a visit a few days ago. It was nice seeing you, Jim, and don't forget us when you are in the neighborhood again. . . . P. S. Don't forget the items for our *Servicemen's News.*

General Accounting

BY PETER GILLIGAN

THE WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION'S ULTIMATUM to "work or fight" evidently stirred Dan Cupid into action. The bow and arrow enthusiast found good hunting in our department and within the short space of two weeks boosted his average considerably. One of little Daniel's arrows sent Joan Wagner to Florida to marry a Lieutenant in the Navy. Then Helen Millen, the former Helen Gage, departed for Georgia where her husband, Phil, a Lieutenant in the Army, is stationed. Eleanor Pollensky, too, has reason to inform Mr. McNutt of Daniel's industry; she now responds only to calls for Mrs. Jule Laegeler. . . . Despite his reluctance to display the latest in Navy "crew" haircuts, Pards Jenkins was a very welcome visitor when he was in the office during his recent after-boot training leave. . . . Peggy Murnane is on the mend after being hospitalized for a few weeks as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident. . . . Department members who have visited our two other convalescents, Leo Vernon and Ed McGraw, report that they are progressing nicely. The whole department hopes to be able to welcome them back soon. . . . Dan Kelsey writes from North Africa that he caught the Bob Hope-Frances Langford show "and it was plenty good." . . . To add to the "it's a small world" stories—a letter from Andy Leonas, formerly of the General Section, and now a Lieutenant in the Navy, tells us that he encountered a former co-worker, Maurice Bandel, now a Captain in the Army, in a restaurant on an island in the South Pacific. . . . Our deepest sympathy to Mabel Ahlstrom on the death of her mother and to Tom Blake on the death of his brother.

Engineering

BY JULIEN JORDAN

MOST OF the Victory gardeners reported having good crops this year. Many of them have their vegetables gathered by this time. Lee Adkins said he was getting tired of putting his crops to bed each night and uncovering them each morning as a protection against expected frost. From what you hear, some of the well stocked cellars would make a good "corner store" look like a runner up these days. Anyway, all those home canned fruits and vegetables won't cost any points this winter. Now is the time to start planning for next year's garden, using the experiences gathered during the past season to improve your gardens in the future. . . . We haven't heard from any of the men in Service for the past few weeks. We understand that Jim Dawson is somewhere in India. How are the snake charmers over there, Jim? . . . Bill Pickor returned from his honeymoon in Pennsylvania. He reported that there is a perpetual black-out in those coal mines, also in Pittsburgh.

Bookkeeping

BY RITA CONLON

ADIEUS TO EMIL IRVING, who answered his call to Service by joining the Seabees. . . . Art Lerch had a nice catch on his birthday—three gold fish and tackle were given him by his friends. . . . A visit from Dick Caspar was welcomed, while in on leave from Dover, Delaware. . . . Farewells were in order for Betty DeSwarte and Geraldine Aschenbrenner. . . . Ruth Schultz disclosed to us before leaving that she is a bride of a year ago and will make her home in Indiana; lots of luck. . . . Of recent date, Dick Windhorn is a grand-daddy. . . . At Ft. Custer, Michigan, is Bill Mock who tells us he expects to become a No. 1 chambermaid. . . . Ennis Rice, Joe Sobieski, and Dick Windhorn of Group I split evenly, three ways, ninety years of service. . . . John Lawrence Andertich, Jr.—8 lbs. 3 ozs.—has arrived at the Andertich household. . . . A welcome hand is extended to our newcomer Florence Rygel. . . . Rita Gallagher is on the beam again after long illness. . . . Doc. (Phil) Crimmins is quite busy in the Medical Corps at Camp Grant. . . . Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Elmer Filek, in the loss of his mother.

A proud grin, the reason why, and the latest in fishing garb all add up to a vacation picture of Francis Snyder.

Credit and Collection

BY WALTER OHMACHT

LOOK WHO'S HERE! None other than our genial Francis Snyder exhibiting a fine catch. (Frank is the one wearing the hat.) Rumor has it that the "string" is actually attributable to the skill of Fred Gebauer and John Clemes, but Frank has all the evidence in his favor. . . . Welcome to our new associates, Elenor McPartlin, Alice Doubrawa and Joellen Hall! We are glad to have you with us, girls. . . . Our department gathered at the Columbia Yacht Club September 28 to bid farewell to Doris Lines (Waves), Bruno Burba (Army), and Tony Calabrese (Army). It was quite a send-off. . . . The hearty laugh of Loring Coleman was absent for a week. Loring reports a pleasant vacation. . . . We extend our deepest sympathy to Ed Dillon in the recent loss of his mother.

Treasury and Receiving

BY RUTH CARLSON

Ceile Patrick of the 63rd Street Office, will be much missed. She left us on October 1. Ceile was recently married to William Cheevers of the Architect and Builders Section. . . . Orchids (literally) to Rose Lass of the Main Floor, who celebrated her 25th anniversary with the Company. . . . Sal Guarino announces a rushing business at the War Bond window downstairs. Looks like everyone in the Company has pledged to buy a Bond to boost the Third War Loan Drive. . . . New daddy Orville Gauss just got his "greetings" card . . Need we say more? At least you know where you stand, "Orv". . . . Barbara Mortensen has left us to join her husband Bill at Savannah, Georgia. Best of luck to two grand people. . . . Gertrude Gaupp has made her sixth trip to the Blood Bank. Nice going, Gert. . . . Master Sergeant Bob Rang dropped in to tell us of his marriage last July. Bob is one Serviceman who really keeps us posted. . . . Fred Written advocates the Victory Vacation. He spent his at home.

Receipts

BY ROSEMARY CLYNE

Good-byes and hellos are flying around the Receipts like confetti on New Year's Eve. Bright hellos to newcomers Eileen Sidlau, Bette Sweetman, Mary Ward, and Charlot Oberg. Well-wishing good-byes to Irene Pallagi, Susan Stogis, Betty Schultz, and only briefly to Jean Ann Glass, who has been transferred to the Statistical department. . . . Florence Engstrom has returned from her sick leave looking as pert and chipper as ever. Evelyn Mahoney, another absentee because of illness in her family, has returned with enough vitality to invigorate the entire office. . . . Folks in the Bookkeeping section notice how much better Gus Orser looks since his return from vacation—substituting for Bob Huck. Twenty-one girls are just too much for one man. . . . Evelyn Clancy and Lucy Coakley are doing their best to entertain the men at the Servicemen's Canteen as a part of their war effort.

Servicemen's PIN-UP girl—lovely Dolores Mahony from the Customers Order department.

Customers Order

BY CARL W. HAASE

Pictured below is the first in a series of pin-up girls from our department. The enticing lassie is Dolores Mahony. We would like these pictures to continue in future issues. How about it? We welcome Berenice R. Schissler, Terese M. Towner, Rosemary Remar, Catherine Delaney Walsh, Marge Brown, and Dolores Mahony into our department—we are happy to have you with us. . . . Anne Rodgers left the service of the Company during the month of August to take up the duties of a nurse in the Presbyterian Hospital. Our loss and their gain. . . . Gladys Perkins and Florence Hopkins left the service of the Company during the month of August to be married—good luck, gals. . . . Lorraine Webb is in the Ravenswood Hospital convalescing from an operation. We are all rooting for you—a speedy recovery. . . . How about you fellows from our department in the Army and Navy dropping us a line. Answer guaranteed by your scribe and others. . . . Pictured here is Joe Sheehy's son, Paddy. Won't be long before Paddy puts on the gloves and shows his dad a few things. . . . We extend our deepest sympathy to Elsie Howard in the recent loss of her father, and to Mrs. R. E. O'Neill in the loss of her husband, Bob, our co-worker.

Paddy Sheehy

South District

BY JOHN F. SCHULDT

Frank Frankic and Bernie Schuman have donated blood to the Red Cross for the third time, while over 20 other South District men have made their second donation. . . . Hopes for a speedy recovery go to John Gorham who was seriously injured while going to work Friday morning, September 17. . . . Lt. Edward C. Heil paid the shop a visit while home on leave, and reports that the Army life is OK. He is still stationed on the east coast. . . . Joe (Douglas Fairbanks) Paravich is now located at Camp Beale, California. . . . Fred Conrad has finished his schooling here in Chicago, and is being transferred to Florida. . . . Word from John Cunea finds him in California.

Statistical

BY EDITH MASGERS

With Old Man Winter just around the corner, the "Stix" will long remember the fun and frolic enjoyed on our last outing for the season at the beach in Wilmette. . . . If you have any problems concerning your Victory Garden, just see any of our Red and Blue Ribbon winners: namely, Ethel Seiler, Edith Wiedling, Edward Hatch, and Jack Linn. They certainly can grow tomatoes and squash! . . . Good-bye and good luck to Marion Barnes and Warren Wehlau, who have departed from our department; and a hearty welcome and hello to Doris Clark, Reinette Hall, Jeanann Glass, and Margaret Jeager who have joined us. . . . Marian Richeson, Elsie Harmke, and Frank Walsh all enjoyed the newly adopted "stay-at-home" vacation. . . . Watch out for those ten pins when bowlers Ed Hatch, Ed Martin, Thor Christiansen, Al Good, and Bruno Balsis start wheeling the ball down the alley.

Domestic Sales

BY GRACE CARDWELL

Have you been wondering who that tall, handsome lad in khaki was, wandering around on five? Well, it was none other than our Jack Voorn, on his way to O.C.S. in Florida. . . . If you like them a wee bit short and in the Navy, Alex Merutka is the one to please. He paid us a visit while his sub chaser was in dry dock for repairs. . . . There's been some sympathy floating around the office, but all going George Laurence's way for a leg injury. C. H. Light now shares that sympathy with a hand injury. . . . Our most hearty wishes for a speedy recovery to the son of Henry Anderson, who is very ill in the hospital. . . . Marv Boss and gang, known as the Dealer & Architect Division, will have new stamping grounds in 519, sometime this month. . . . We've brought to light a bit of hidden talent. It's the voice of Olga Nemcek. Take a bow, Olga.

Messenger Service

BY FRANCES CONNOR

The messengers had a new temporary supervisor in the person of Tom Moore, during the absence of U. G. Stucker, who enjoyed a richly-deserved two-week vacation. . . . We have with us this month, two new girls and a boy: Ray Olson, Sally Kuflick, and Pyrma Schnarr, whom we call Penny. . . . The blonde miss now seen in the Ante Room is Dorothy Kopera. . . . The Red Cross blood bank recently gained two pints, one from Jane Svoboda, and the other from Frances Connor.

Industrial Sales

BY WILLIAM HELME

Claude Larmer, who learned the hard way in the Ozarks, copped four blue ribbons for his prize-winning entries in the recent Victory Garden Show on the Main Floor. Claude then entered big league competition at Soldier Field and again emerged winner with his good-looking melon. As a fitting climax, the melon later served as the "pièce de résistance" at a gathering of the Larmer clan and was declared "delicious." . . . Barney Marchialette is still on the beam. He has received word that his print "The Elm" has been accepted for exhibition purposes at the Field Museum Salon Show. . . . The bowling season is now open and our stalwart bowlers, Jim Whammond and Al Boehm, have again accepted the challenge for better or worse. . . . The Bill Lights and Paul Dreyers are pitching tents together in the North Woods. . . . Sgt. Joseph Vesley reports that he is now on "maneuvers" and the going is really "rugged."

Meter Shop

BY GEORGE D. BURNS

After several months' sojourn in the district shops and other departments, the following old timers were returned to the Meter Shop, their old home base: William Reynolds, Bob Bennington, Michael Lucatorto, Tom Fitzmaurice, Jim Fitzpatrick, Nick Masciopinto, Joe Pantano, and Rube Carlson. It's swell to see you guys back in the fold. . . . The hardy hiker and fisherman of the Meter Shop, John Gorman, has left for parts in the far north to do some real fishing, which has been his regular custom for many years. With no red points on hand, we're expecting some big shipments of fish this year. . . . On September 7 and 14, 35 employes of the Meter Shop visited the American Red Cross and donated to the blood bank. This news goes out to all the fighting men of the Company and many of their associates who will also read it. They will read of your fighting heart here at home, backing up the fighting hearts of our boys in the battleline. We at home should be thankful that we are only asked to buy Bonds and donate our blood. Come on along with us the next time. . . . We are still waiting for that picture of the tall corn that Pat Anderson has been telling us about. The boys on the fourth floor are beginning to think funny things about Pat's ability as a farmer. . . . From the evidence presented, John Sparis is the only real good Victory farmer in the shop. Several times a week he brings in samples of his art in growing tomatoes, and do we like 'em. . . . John Drysdale has been transferred to Calumet Station. We all wish him good luck in his new appointment.

Archives

BY R. C. FITZSIMMONS

Frank Heatter happily surprised us with a visit. Frank is looking fine and with the kind of spirit he has we are sure he will improve in health as the years roll by. . . . One of the things that never fails to brighten our days are the letters and cards we receive regularly from our Servicemen. Tony Abbate can be given an orchid for his efforts in writing to these Army men and their letters surely confirm this statement. . . . John Smit is still at Fort Benning, Georgia. . . . James Canty can now be located at Hammer Field, Fresno, California, after graduation at Ft. Collins, Colorado. . . . A nice letter from Gene Sullivan has him at Tyndall Field, Florida.

Mary Greene and son, John.

Tabulating Section

BY CATHERINE HEANEY

The job of postal zoning is now completed. The password for the future is "watch your bills". . . . Mary Al-Greene had a nice visit with her son, John, when he was home recently. Here they are. . . . Corp. Howard Buck looks good for himself. . . . We can't keep up with Tom Dorgan. He's now in Pennsylvania. . . . Mabelle Bruzek has been on the sick list. Hope she's O.K. now. . . . Congratulations, George Annen. Do you think the new son will grow up to be as nice as his Pop? . . . Fish bones in the throat were no joke to Marge Manly. . . . Some keypuncher took "Bridget Colbert" for *Budget Credit.* How do you like that? . . . Lucille Cummings would like some Indian-head pennies, please. . . . Ben Rabe has decided the city is better than the "sticks". . . . The "tab" room came out ahead for the first time in winning a Bond September 24. You're doing all right, Jean Brundage. . . . Helen Biddison, Mary Lou McGowan, and Dorothy Crotty are the faithful bowlers this year.

Here's the Gas Building elevator men's rest and locker room on the 21st Floor, where the operators spend their relief periods during the work day. In the picture are: Thomas Nevin, and Starter Albert Matha.

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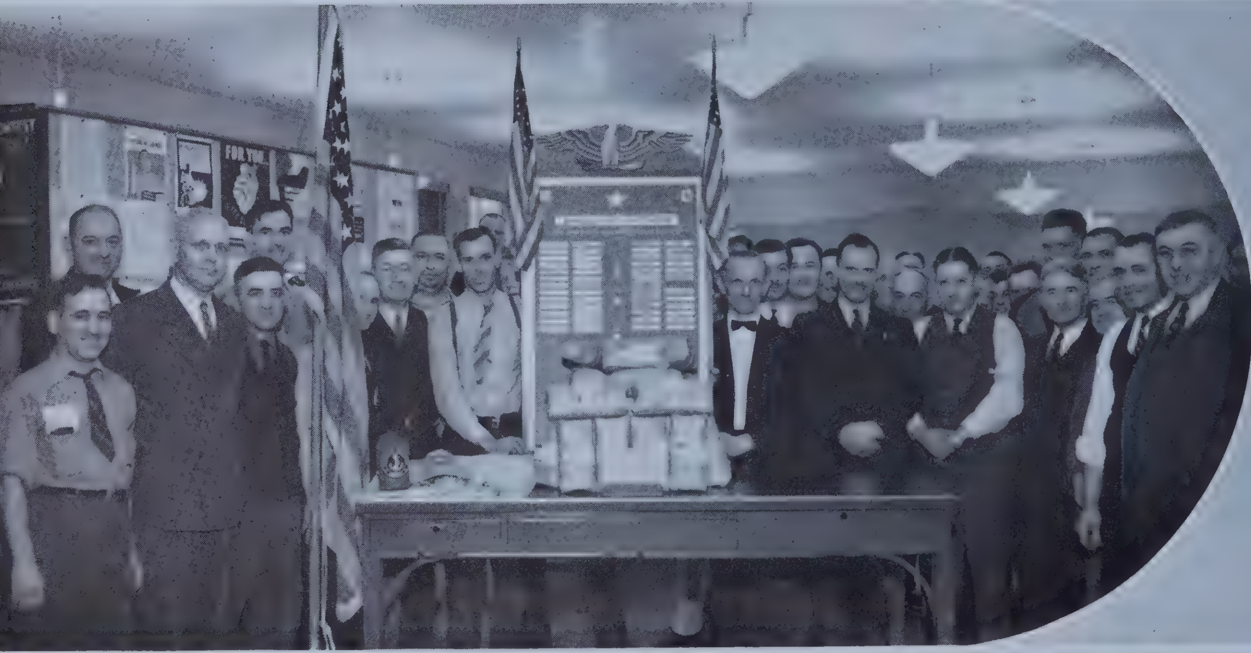

Gone, but far from forgotten are the boys in the Armed Forces from Peoples Gas. Here are three of the many departments throughout the Company which sent Christmas packages overseas.

Above, North District's fighting men received cigarettes, as shown above being wrapped by Fred Suddeth, Tom Dore, William Conway, and Edward Howe.

Above, a group of Central District men gather to view the packages being sent to their former workmates-at-arms. The packages were prepared by Al Paez, James Scola and Frank McCann.

The Correspondence Section met their overseas gift-mailing deadline in plenty of time with the help of the girls at right, Edna Murray, Mercedes Gordon and Esther Frederick.

are you saving 10% for Bonds?

WHAT IS THANKSGIVING. . . . a state of mind? a sumptuous feast? a holiday homecoming? a prayer? To each of us the word has a special meaning. But let's consider what Thanksgiving means this war year, when things are so far from normal. Let's look at this time-honored proper name and give it a 1943 interpretation.

Many of us aren't going to have "turkey and all the fixings" this Thanksgiving. There will be empty places at the dining table, too. Gas rationing will prevent some of us from attending the football game which usually occupied our Thanksgiving afternoon. And so . . . we'll probably go about muttering personal grievances against this "damned war." Between mutterings, however, we might stop to consider this: A lot of the boys who once sat at our heavily laden Thanksgiving tables are going to be spending this Thanksgiving in a New Guinea foxhole or in some other unappetizing spot far from home. They're going to be thinking of other, happier Thanksgivings. But they're also going to be giving thanks that they're alive and fighting for those better Thanksgivings to come.

There's a tip for us. Instead of looking backwards this Thanksgiving, let's look ahead with our boys in Service and give thanks to the Yanks. Give thanks that we're on their side, that their fight is our fight, that their Victory will be our Victory.

Instead of *eating* turkey this year, we can get our feet solidly on the ground and start *talking* turkey, for nothing will more sincerely convey our thanks to the Yanks than dollars and cents invested in War Bonds. That's the tangible expression we each can give to an intangible interpretation of Thanksgiving, 1943.

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SOMEWHERE across the sea, at a base hospital behind the fighting lines, soldiers will enjoy the entertaining and recreational programs arranged by Maxine Rhody, former assistant editor of this magazine. She left on November 1, amid a chorus of farewells, to join the American Red Cross organization. GAS NEWS joins her many friends throughout the organization to wish her the greatest possible success in her new endeavor. Taking Miss Rhody's place on the staff is Alice Garratt, formerly of the Office Service Section.

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The Cover

On our cover this issue, Lucylle Buxton, formerly General Accounting, and now a WAVE, is shown working on a training ship known to the trainees as "The Yellow Peril." Miss Buxton, in the lower part of the picture, recently completed her training in Norman, Oklahoma, and is headed for places unknown.

Coming Events

Employe Forum
Room 1039 and Auditorium
Thursday, November 18

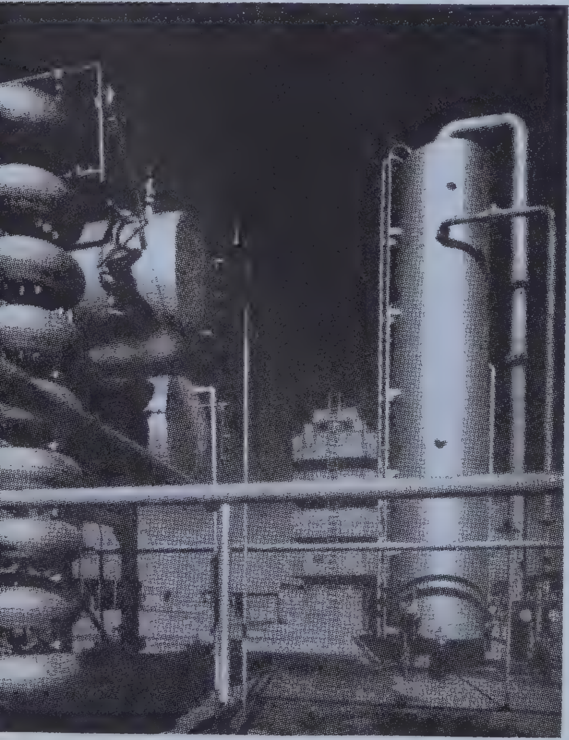
Gas Club Christmas Party
Orchestra Hall
Saturday, December 18

Fighting Fuel From Natural Gas

Bad News for Tojo and Hitler in improved methods for extracting gasoline from natural gas.

In the picture above is one of the natural gasoline plants located in Oklahoma. Recently improvements have been made over the above design.

In the picture below, is shown part of the heat exchangers, cooling tower, and absorber in a plant in New Mexico.



SLIM and graceful towers transform one of our great national resources, natural gas, into some of the products which give the United Nations the winning edge in global warfare. In extractor plants such as these illustrated, "wet" natural gas is separated into marvelously volatile natural gasoline, and into "dry" natural gas. Natural gasoline makes its presence felt in the screaming dive of the torpedo plane, in the steady roar of bombers cracking the roof of Hitler's European fortress, in the massive bulk of tanks crunching forward into the stronghold of our enemies. It also goes into the myriad uses for synthetic rubber.

Natural gas, when it leaves the well is quite warm, and almost always under great pressure. It is piped from the wells to natural gasoline extraction plants, where, through an absorption process, the natural gas vapors are removed, and later turned into a liquid state in the form of natural gasoline—extremely volatile, and highly valued as a war necessity. Its removal from natural gas does not substantially lower the quality of the gas, (which still must be stepped down in BTU content for domestic use) and does not in any way affect its marketability.

Historically, natural gasoline began to be an important factor economically during and shortly after World War I. Natural gasoline in peace time, for many years prior to World War II, has supplied about ten per cent of the motor fuel requirements of this country. Natural gasoline cannot be used directly as a motor fuel in automobiles, but is blended with gasoline refined from crude oil to improve its volatility and anti-knock characteristics. Today, conservation-minded operators, faced with urgent wartime demands for high octane aviation gas and other important items, and at the same instance being harassed by a lack of equipment and manpower, have recognized the importance of natural gasoline, which is removed from natural gas in a form which is easily and quickly converted into usable products.

Recent developments in the processing of natural gasoline cannot be reviewed here due to wartime restrictions; however, it can be said that natural gasoline is chemically processed in a great many ways in specially-built plants, or blended with other petroleum products to produce highly valuable substances which are essential to victory.

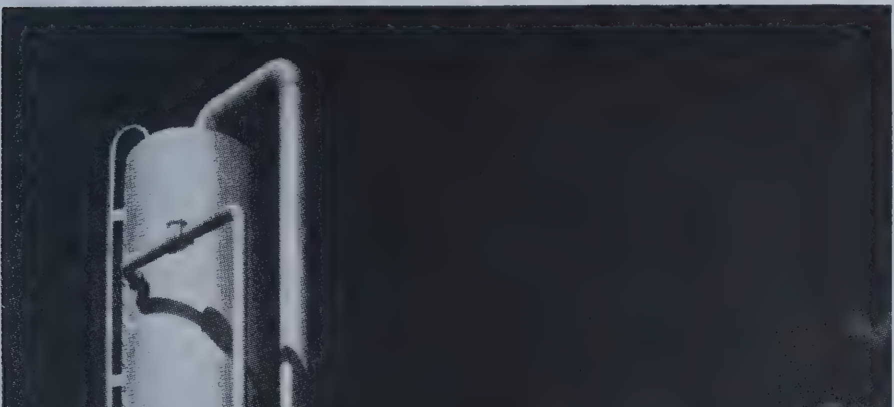
Natural gasoline possesses what petroleum and natural gas operators call "light petroleum fractions." These fractions contain light hydrocarbons which can be purified to produce such important items as synthetic rubber, aviation fuel, and explosives.

Butadiene, one of the principal raw materials from which synthetic rubber is manufactured, is obtained by the chemical conversion of butane, one of the natural gasoline hydrocarbons. Carbon black, used to impart certain qualities to both natural and synthetic rubber, is obtained through the scientific combustion of natural gas. About half of the synthetic ammonia used widely for great quantities of explosives in the bombs, shells, and other projectiles used by America's fighting forces, is made from ammonia obtained from natural gas.

The prevailing shortage of petroleum products does not, in any sense, indicate a similar shortage of natural gasoline and condensate. Experts believe that sufficient raw materials are available, and that the production will be increased. Some new equipment, of course, will be necessary to produce the desired amount of natural gasoline, but the overall new requirements will be insignificant when compared with that which would be required to drill new wells, and prepare a similar amount and kind of hydrocarbon raw material from crude petroleum.

During the past few years, the number of natural gasoline extraction plants in the country has declined slightly due to the shutting down of a number of small and uneconomic plants. However, the production of this material has been on the increase due to the improvements in the efficiency of existing plants as well as the addition of a number of large, modern, and highly efficient plants.

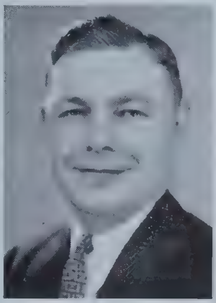
Last year, the production of natural gasoline from natural gas in the plants then existing amounted to well over 3,500,000,000 gallons—a sizable contribution to our nation's war effort.



Absorber and cooling tower at one of the Warren Petroleum Company's natural gasoline plants.

J. J. Solon, F. J. Eldridge Transferred November I.

JOHN J. SOLON, assistant superintendent of the Methods and Routines Department, was transferred to the Personnel Department as assistant superintendent, effective as of November 1, according to an announcement from the office of Vice President J. A. Cunningham, issued on October 29.



J. J. Solon

F. J. Eldridge

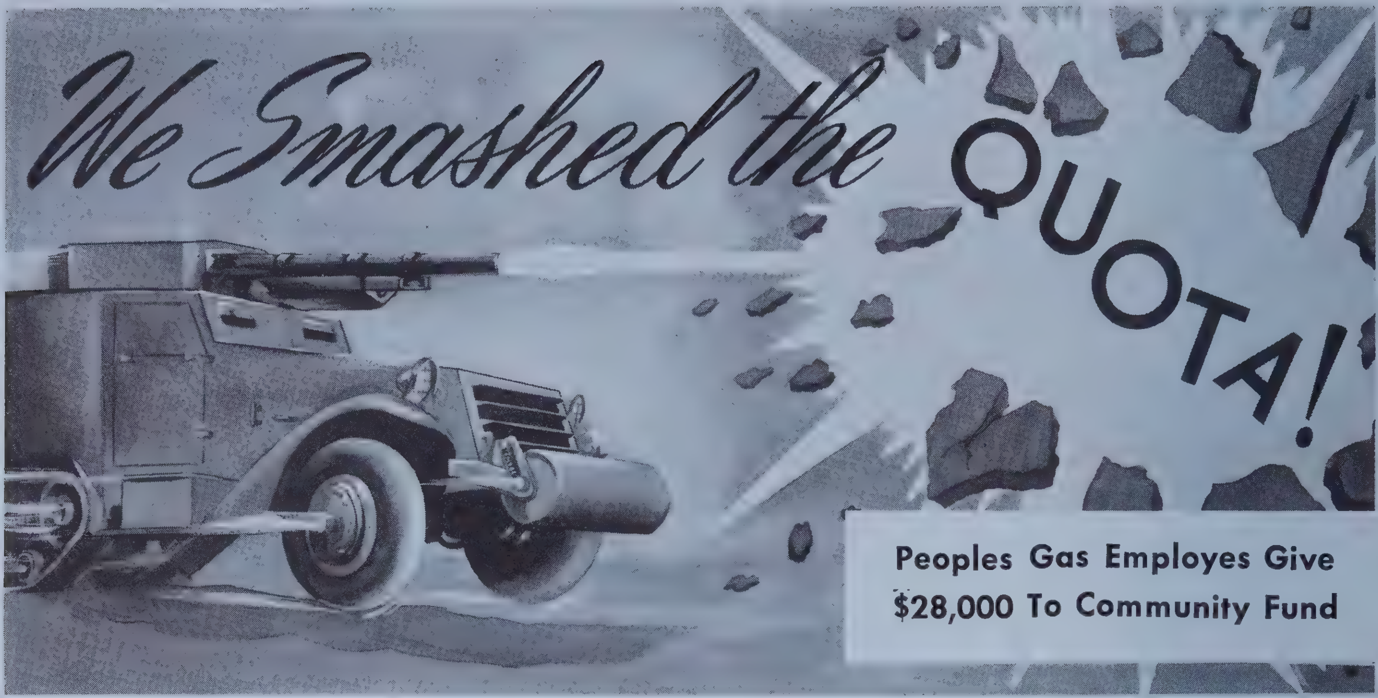
FLOYD J. ELDRIDGE, supervisor of general statistics, was appointed assistant superintendent of the Methods and Routines Department, effective as of November 1. The announcement was made on October 29, in an order from the office of Vice President and Comptroller F. L. Griffith.

Eight-Ball Holders Keep Trophies During October

SIX GROUPS which are competing in the "Behind the Eight-ball Safety Contest," a company-wide free-for-all to reduce accidents, are outstanding with their records so far this year. Not a single lost time accident occurred in the following groups: Research and Testing, Chicago District Pipeline, Transportation, 22nd Street Station, Warehouse Building, and Division Street Station.

Special mention, and a bucketful of orchids, is in order for 22nd Street Station, whose unblemished record has not been marred with a single accident for the past two years.

No changes have occurred during the past month in the standings of the contest. The eight-ball recipients are still holding them reluctantly. On the bottom of the safety list are the following groups as of the last of October: Peoples Gas Building, North Station, Central District, Chicago By Products and Meter Reading.



We Smashed the QUOTA!

Peoples Gas Employes Give $28,000 To Community Fund

Peoples Gas employes swept over their quota of $18,000 for contributions to the Chicago Community fund, and broke all records for individual subscriptions to the great welfare organization through the payroll deduction plan. The total employe gift to the Fund was $28,000—aggregating an average of $8.50 per employe, and totaling 158 per cent of the quota set for Peoples Gas at the beginning of the drive.

At the close of the drive, on October 22, Vice President F. X. Mettenet, Chairman of the Peoples Gas Community and War Fund Committee, thanked the employes of the Company for their splendid cooperation, saying: "You have done a splendid job, and let me thank you wholeheartedly for this 'extra effort' you have made in behalf of the men in the Service and the needy at home."

Peoples Gas was the first major company in Chicago to complete employe solicitation and to report its final figure to Community Fund headquarters. The Public Utilities of Chicago have a quota of $650,000 this year and up to the time of going to press had reached 97 per cent of their goal. They have been entered in the Fund campaign with six groups of Public service organizations, headed by Section Chairman J. A. Cunningham, vice president of our Company.

And so it is that Peoples Gas employes have proved that it can be done. When they wear their red, three-star feather, they can do so with a feeling of pride, motivated by the fact that they, their fellow employes, and their Company have not only recognized their civic responsibilities—they have acted upon them commendably, for the welfare of our men in arms, for welfare at home, and to help our fighting allies in their struggle for Victory.

New Blood Donor Bulletins

Attractive blood donor posters with space for entering names of blood donors from each department, are now available in Room 749. June Funkhauser, General Accounting, a blood donor herself, holds one of the new wall placards.

Company's Safety Record Shows 35% Decrease In Accidents

Other Industries Show Increase

Of the seventeen lost time injuries which occurred among Company employes during the months of July, August, and September, only five occurred in the Operating Division. This indicates, among other things, that the supervisors of the Division are on the alert for methods of improved safety performance on the job—undoubtedly due to the influence of the Supervisors' Safety Contest in their Division.

Our Company's safety record shows a marked decrease in the number of accidents, while industries of all kinds (including utilities) throughout the Country have shown a marked increase. Other utilities in the United States report accident increases as high as 50 per cent, while our record indicates a thirty-five per cent decrease. Although it is true that our organization has suffered the loss of some of its personnel, the loss is not sufficient to have any appreciable bearing on the reduction in accidents.

During the first nine months in 1942, the Safety Section reported 151 lost time injuries. This figure has been reduced to 75 for the same period in 1943.

Customers Give Their Opinions Concerning

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME

RECENTLY the Gas Company inaugurated a novel question and answer program, the results of which will have a far-reaching effect on post-war kitchens. Specifically, the survey will determine exactly what sort of a gas range Mrs. Housewife wants.

Working on the theory that ranges should not be designed by engineers who can operate a slide rule but haven't the faintest idea of how to boil water, so to speak, the Gas Company decided to let Mrs. Housewife dictate the style and arrangement of her post-war range.

An illustrated questionnaire

With that the motivating idea behind the survey, a booklet (really an illustrated questionnaire) was prepared entitled, "You Know the Answers—How About Helping Us Out?" It includes questions concerning ovens in the post-war ranges—should they be high, medium high, or low—how large—where placed—with or without windows; should broilers be the drawer or swing out type—should they be low or high; how many burners should there be and in what arrangement; what kind of storage space; what special features should the range have —deep well cookers? simmer speed burners? automatic lighting? oven clock control? etc. In all, 49 distinct features of the gas range are covered, with additional space reserved for specific suggestions not included in the booklet itself.

Interviewed on the spot

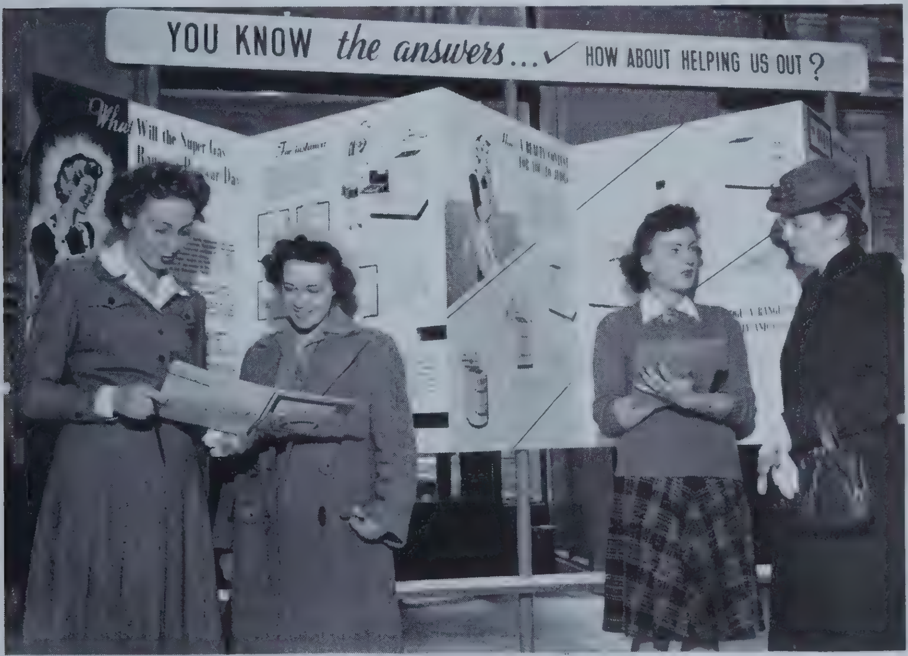
Territorial salesmen present these booklets to their customers, asking them to answer the various questions. Every precaution is taken not to influence the customer in her opinions. She is encouraged to express, freely and frankly, any criticisms she may have and any suggestions for improvement. After a few days, the booklets are picked up and returned to the Sales Promotion department where the data is transcribed to printed summary sheets.

Booths have been set up at the main office and at each of the branch stores where customers are interviewed on the spot. In contrast to the method mentioned above, the answers obtained in this fashion are snap judgments and, as such, indicate the educational value of the Company's advertising to date and suggest the trend it should take in the future.

Separate surveys have been conducted among appliance dealers, the Company's selling organization and the Home Service department; apartment building operators and owners, architects, and selected groups of business women. The results of this limited survey will serve as a check on the findings of the more extended customer survey.

Manufacturers Interested

Because Chicago is a typical Metropolitan market and because no other company has conducted a similar survey, range manufacturers throughout the nation are vitally interested in the results which are to be released in the near future. They want to know what Mrs. Housewife wants in her post-war range. They want to start planning a range which caters to her wishes. Thus, through our Company's survey, the range which Mrs. Housewife uses in her post-war kitchen will be one which she herself has had a hand in designing.


YOU KNOW *the answers*... ✓ HOW ABOUT HELPING US OUT?

Above, Marion Syversen, and Barbara Read are shown at the display panel in the Gas Building recording the sentiments of gas customers who stopped in to explain how they would like to see gas appliances of the future designed.

Orchestra Hall to Be Scene of Gas Club Christmas Show

NOT ONLY the spirit of Santa Claus will pervade Orchestra Hall on December 18, at the Gas Club Christmas Show. The old bewhiskered gent himself will be there to lend true holiday spirit to the affair.

CLUB President Michael Lambke and his entertainment committee have just about completed their plans for the gala event for Gas Club kiddies. Several animal acts are on the bill; there will also be clowns, and other entertaining acts on the program.

Two full shows will be staged, each one equally satisfying to the youngsters. The first one begins at 1:00; the second will start at 3:00 p.m. The Gas Club will have a gift for every youngster as he or she leaves the building after the show.

Applications for tickets will be mailed to employes early in December.

Even storage yards at the gas works can present a neat and clean appearance with a little extra attention. This yard east of the holder at North District, shows the various sizes and kinds of pipe placed in an easily accessible position, minimizing accident hazards.

Good housekeeping on the job is the sign of a safe workman. In the picture below, Harry Anders has his tools spread out in a way that enables him to do his work efficiently and safely.

Top photo (next page), one of Street Foreman Matt Smith's (South Shop) crew members arranges his long-handled tools in a manner which displays evidence of planning on the street repair job. The dirt has been swept away, and all tools are in order and handy for the workman.

Center picture (next page), Harold Pulaski, serviceman, places a paper on the floor, and arranges his tools near to the work at hand, but not so that they will be in the way. Neat and clean tool kits are also an aid to the safe workman.

The bottom photo on the next page shows a scene in a typical well-kept stockroom. It is located at the Utilization Testing Department. There's a place for everything, and everything is in its proper place.

A Gas Man's

Good Housekeeping

Is His Safety Yardstick

MANY a housewife would chuckle audibly if she knew how important housekeeping is to her husband's everyday work. Her attention to that detail at home is a reflection of her family background and training. The same thing goes for the man on the job. Don't think there is anything "sissy" about good housekeeping on the job.

Half Their Waking Hours

The place where employes spend a third of their time, nearly half of their hours awake, should be a place to be proud of, a place where they find enjoyment in the duties assigned. Whether or not it is, depends largely upon the individual. Good housekeeping on the job means good order with good light and ventilation, everything in its proper place, no litter around, proper tools available and in perfect condition, material and tools placed so that the workman can utilize them easily, and ample working space.

The worker who maintains good order not only makes a good impression on supervisors and others who can see that he takes pride in his work, but he also does the job more easily, more efficiently, and with greater safety. Safety experts all agree that good housekeeping, or good order, is the best indication of a safe, efficient, workman. That is not all. Good order in the working area is evidence, too, of a good orderly mind. It means that the work is planned.

That 3-letter Word

Good order comes from good planning. Does your work, your tool kit and your locker show that you are a top-notch workman? Does it indicate that you are an employe who plans and executes his work with the greatest ease, efficiency and safety? That three-letter word YOU, is the influence that determines whether or not the job is one that justifies pride and whether the work is done safely.

Idea Producers Collect Cash During October

NINE EMPLOYES proved that their ideas are worth money, during the past month, by collecting sums ranging from $25 to $5 for their suggestions.

The bonanza award of the month was one submitted by Clarence Patterson, Purchasing. He received $25 for suggesting that a blanket certification of purchase orders, in connection with government price regulations, be eliminated. He also received a $5 award for producing a system for the return of empty drums by the Chicago By-Products Corporation.

J. A. Drysdale, of Calumet Station, was the recipient of $15 in cash for revising a mimeograph form, "Guard Service Gun and Ammunition Receipt."

Mark F. Kleeberg, Testing, designed a "hold" tag for maintenance men working on fuse or switchboard panels, and was given $5 for his trouble.

John L. Written, Meter Reading, thought that permitting certain employes to wear Red Cross First Aid Badges on their Company uniforms was a good idea. So did the Suggestion Committee. They awarded him $5.

C. M. Cooke, of the Warehouse, suggested that a fire extinguisher for the south end of the building where paper baling is done be made available for the employes. The idea was worth $5.

James P. Radcliffe, North District, outlined a safety program for Distribution Department Foremen, and his reward was $5.

Robert Potthoff, Customers Order Department, revised Form No. 19, and his suggestion check was good for $5.

John Murray, North District, suggested that foremen of emergency night men take several pairs of goggles to the job. His idea brought him $5.

Thaddius Zamerowski, North District, devised a holder for reamers carried in tool bags, which was accepted as usable by the reviewers and the Suggestion Committee. An award of $5 was given.

Gas Ads

FOR SALE—2¼x3¼ Enlarger. Has both condensing lenses and diffusion disk—F 6.3 projection lens. Like new. $30.00. Phone 2156.

WANTED TO BUY; regulation 3-finger bowling ball. Call George Ayer, on Bittersweet 4439, after 6 p.m.

Letters FROM OUR MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

Gen. Cunningham, Y3c, USNR
San Francisco, California

I HAD a very pleasant surprise last week when a young sailor came into the office asking for me. It was Fred Murphy from North Shop. I never knew him back home, but he had been told by Dan Collins to look me up if he ever got to San Francisco and so he did. I was never so glad to meet anyone, and needless to say, all we did was talk about the Gas Company and how good it will seem to get back to stay. Murphy was in the Aleutians for more than a year, and can really tell of some horrible times. Being an Irishman, he was joking about his experiences, but I just sat and wondered how these boys can bear to go back after what they've been through already. He's here at a Recuperation Center for 6 weeks and will be sent over-seas again.

My office duties are more interesting than ever, and to date I've met two Admirals and Lt. John Roosevelt. Never a dull moment!

I had the thrill of my life the other night when I was invited to the launching of a tanker at the Sausaulito Shipyards. We were taken over the yards in a Navy bus, and then had dinner aboard and were guard of honor during the launching ceremonies. It certainly was a beautiful sight to see that huge ship sliding down the ways, and almost before it hit the water, the workers had started to lay another keel which they told us would be completed by one o'clock the following morning.

A/C Robert Sanders
Sqd. 8-C Class 43-14
Avn. Cdt. Det. A.A.F.B.S.
Childress, Texas

I'm now studying to be a "Bombagator." That's a combination bombardier and navigator. The course here is pretty tough. Right now my schedule is fairly easy. We finish at 6:30 in the evening. Start out by getting up at 4:50, fly from 7:00 until noon, then a couple hours of classes, P.T., and more classes.

This bombing is quite the thing. And you'd be surprised how easy it is to steer yourself from one place to another in the air. If I'm lucky I'll graduate November 18.

Many employes will remember the beaming countenance of Louis Stucker when he worked in the Stationery Section. He's now a 1st Class Storekeeper with the U. S. Navy at the Glenview Naval Air Base.

Lt. B. G. Liljeberg
% Postmaster
New York, N.Y.

The following lines will describe a day's work during the early raids of Italy. It was still dark out when someone awoke me and whispered, "Let's go, Swede." The air was still damp and my clothes felt like ice; I thought I'd never get my flying suit on if I didn't stop shaking. The darkness didn't help the situation and from the mild curses that could be heard, I gathered that others were having their troubles also.

The hot coffee at the mess soon brought life to the group and we were then sent to the briefing room. Here they tell us all those little things we must know about our job and what we may—and do—run into. By this time darkness is giving away to dawn, and after a few words with the crew chief, we are snugly locked into the cockpit. A few preliminary preparations are made and then the prop turns over slowly; there is a cough, a spit, and finally a mighty roar and the airplane, too, shakes the last chill of dawn from its body.

Puffs of dust around the field indicate that the other lads are also ready to go. One by one the ships get into formation about the field. Soon the land below is replaced by water. Now there isn't much to do but think, wait, and *watch*. Your head swings on a pivot as you look behind, above, below, and ahead. Pressure and temperature gauges are continually checked and all switches are set for immediate action.

The Italian coast is first seen as a mere shadow. What seems like hours, is only minutes. Black puffs of flak begin to appear, and like bees coming out of a hive, so our aircraft approach the target.

Dive brakes begin to appear and ship after ship rolls over on its back and disappears. Now we are most vulnerable to attack for each pilot is intent on laying his eggs. A final search of the sky reveals no enemy and then I, too, am looking at the target from an inverted position. The dive is the most exciting part of the mission, lasting only a few seconds but holding a lifetime of thrills. The flak tries desperately to pick us off, but we are a fast and small target.

The bombs having been neatly laid in the enemy's lap relieves us of no small load. We have now, automatically, converted to fighters and are capable of offensive or defensive action.

The return trip is usually uneventful—but to relax would surely bring an exception to the case. After landing on our field the Red Cross girls pass out coffee and doughnuts—and I do believe this is the only reason we care to go on these missions. You can't imagine what a morale booster two American girls, a cup of coffee and two doughnuts can be.

Marion Zanich, of Division Street Station, recently completed his basic training with the Medical Corps. At the time his photo was taken he was leaving Camp Grant for points unknown.

James O'Boyle S.F. 1/c
Plat. 5525 D10-116
Camp Peary
Williamsburg, Va.

Things down here are fine, only that they keep you on the ball at all times. We may go to Rhode Island soon for advance training. I sure hope so as this place is terribly warm. I think I'll be getting a 10-day furlough soon. That would be pretty nice as a guy could get to Chicago for a couple of days.

Employees Entering Military Service During October

- Robert E. Gallagher, Central District
- Orville H. Gauss, Treasury—Receiving
- Casper P. Hehn, Peoples Gas Building
- Harriet M. Hesselberg, Credit and Collection
- Lawrence W. Hollatz, Meter Reading
- Henry J. Kenitz, Customers'
- Doris J. Lines, Credit and Collection
- Anita M. Lund, Correspondence
- Raymond W. Rang, Meter Reading
- Herman W. Ruppman, Stores—Warehouse
- Bernard R. Stogentine, Chicago District Pipeline Company
- John J. Youngman, Gas Building

Employees to be Retired on November 1, 1943

Raymond Paez Central District	39 years 10 months
John B. Taylor Central District	38 years 7 months

Gas in War Plants Subject of Employe Forum Meeting Nov. 18

How gas enters the armament production picture, and how our Industrial Gas Sales Department renders vital gas service to these emergency producers of war equipment, will be told by a picked group of men from that department at the next Forum Meeting, to be held in the Home Service Auditorium on November 18.

As a supplement to the feature part of the program, the Forum Committee has arranged for the showing of two motion pictures. They are: "Alaskan Highway," a film which shows scenes taken during the construction of the highway through virgin forest and mountains, country which will some day be a new vacation playground; and "December 7 Attack," a film which reveals the treachery of the Japanese during their "stab in the back" attack on Pearl Harbor.

During the interval between 5:15 (supper time) and 7:00 (meeting time), employes can enjoy themselves with community singing, bingo, and dancing.

Service Anniversaries

NOVEMBER, 1943

40 YEARS

Gannon, Albert, North District

35 YEARS

Thompson, Walter, North District

30 YEARS

Hughes, John T., Central District
Slenker, Harry A., Transportation
Sorfleet, John T., Transportation
Walsh, James No. 9, South District

25 YEARS

Balcus, Julia (Mrs.), Gas Building
Comiskey, Agnes M., Meter Shop
Mitchell, James M., Customers' Order
Wiza, Genevieve B., Bookkeeping

Arch Ward, sports editor of the Chicago Tribune, is seen in the circle below, holding his audience spellbound with his views on the past, present, and future of sports.

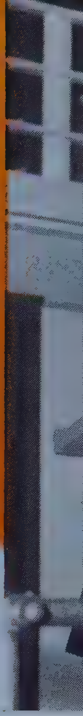
Immediately below, a section of the Forum crowd during the supper hour in Room 1039.

Bottom Photo, the Employe Forum Commissary Committee. Seated are; Ceinwen Thomas, Eleanor Rada, Marylou Swigart, Relda Day, Patricia Devitt, Mary McGowan, Marion Syversen, and Margaret Sullivan. Standing are: Mary Hynan, J. W. Hanko, T. J. Blake, Jean Fedosky, J. G. Gallagher, Emily Barnard, Grace Cardwell, A. M. Dorner, Helen Lameika, Elise Rodriguez, Rita Etzkorn, Helen Biddeson, Lorraine Uedelhofen, A. A. Ward, Roberta Malloy, A. H. Siebert, and Nellie Fredeen.

FIRE PREVENTION...

The Home Front's Watchword

Show In Peoples Gas Building Attracts Thousands Of Visitors



PERHAPS Mrs. O'Leary's cow has taken too much blame for the cataclysmic fire which blazed through Old Chicago in 1871. At any rate, guilty or not, that infamous bovine character made the entire nation fire prevention conscious.

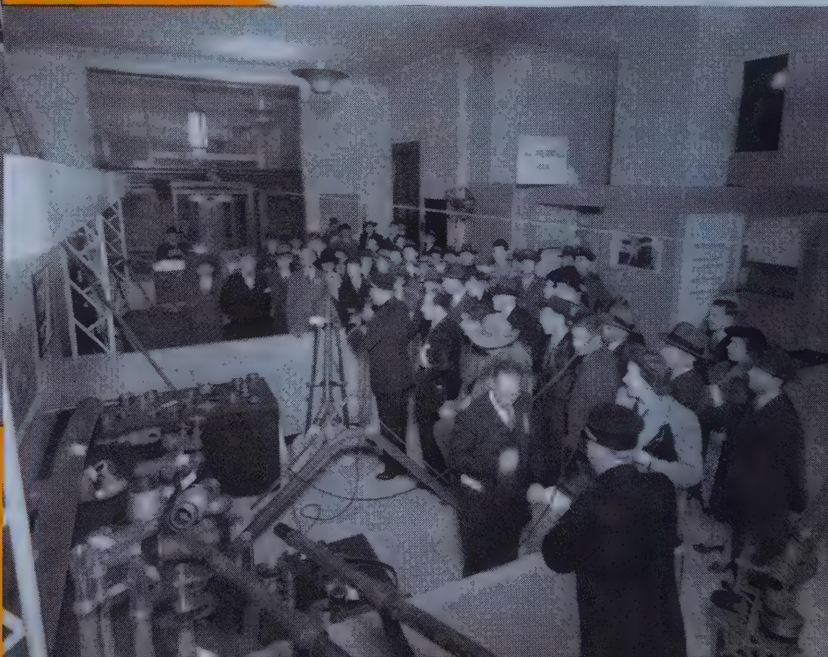
So it was that this year, as in previous years, Chicagoans observed Fire Prevention Week from October 3 to 9. And, in conjunction with this, the Gas Company played host from October 2 to 16 to a huge Fire Prevention Show, sponsored by the Chicago Board of Underwriters, the Association of Commerce, and the Fire Department.

During this time the display room on the main floor of the Gas Building

In the circle are Betty Carlson and Valerie Larson, looking mighty tricky in their borrowed headgear, posing with a high pressure nozzle which was on exhibit at the Fire Show.

Below, one of the firemen explains to the assembled Show visitors the various equipment on display. In this exhibit were nozzles of all sizes.

Above, the Aetna Insurance Company exhibit which attracted large crowds during the show. Here the audience learned simple housekeeping rules which would prevent fires.



was agog with flashing red lights, alarm boxes, an ancient hand drawn fire wagon, and modern fire fighting equipment of all kinds. Chicago firemen were on hand to explain the various exhibits. Bells rang, explosions shattered the air, and the entire atmosphere sizzled and sparkled with lessons in fire prevention.

"Every Fire Delays Victory"

It was a tremendous show—both in scope and in importance, for during this war year every fire which destroys a home or a factory is not only a personal loss—it's a definite hindrance to our war effort. If any one slogan expressed the theme of the 1943 Show, it was "Every Fire Delays Victory." There's logic in that slogan, for fires hamper production; they consume valuable materials; and to replace a gutted building takes man hours which could and should be used for war production. Thus, disastrous fires on the home front become reversals on the fighting front.

Soldiers, Sailors Speak

Hundreds of visitors during the course of the show listened to illustrated lectures on simple housekeeping to prevent fires. They learned the use of fire fighting equipment, looked at movies which illustrated the causes of fires and showed how to prevent them, learned how to turn in an alarm. They listened to Servicemen just back from the fighting fronts re-emphasize the importance of fire control. They looked at a miniature village which depicted the effects of aerial bombing and showed how the firemen combatted the danger. They observed the workings of an alarm control center, which was connected by direct wire to the Division St. station. Every exhibit taught the Show visitor that he must be constantly alert to the causes of fires; that he must constantly guard against human carelessness which is the cause of most fires.

Fewer Fires During Week

An interesting commentary on the value of Fire Prevention Week is the fact that during this time, fires in Chicago dropped to the lowest point of the year. What the Fire Department would like to know is why this record can't be maintained 52 weeks out of the year; why, instead of Fire Prevention *Week*, Chicago doesn't observe Fire Prevention *Year*. The answer to that question, of course, is every individual's responsibility.

Pictured at the top of the page are three of the war heroes who spoke to Show visitors about their experiences on the fighting fronts, and about the value and necessity of stringent fire control. P.F.C. Robert Schreiber of the Marines, and Sailor Fred Kuechenmeister were two of the speakers in a program sponsored by the Gas Post. Lt. Merle Else, who had just completed 119 missions in the South Pacific area, was featured speaker at Junior Chamber of Commerce day.

The Credit and Collection department, pictured directly above, attended the Fire Show en masse and are pictured here watching how the alarm control center operates.

THE Women's Slant

BY MARTHA HOLMES, AND MARIE C. MEYERS

Turkey Talk

The cool, crisp weather we've been enjoying recently is a wonderful preparatory for the holiday season to come. More than a month ago, bits of talk were floating around about observing that American tradition.

With the increasing nearness of the holiday, the talk has gained momentum, especially since turkeys are being made available for civilian use, until it's quite the commonest and most exciting topic of conversation.

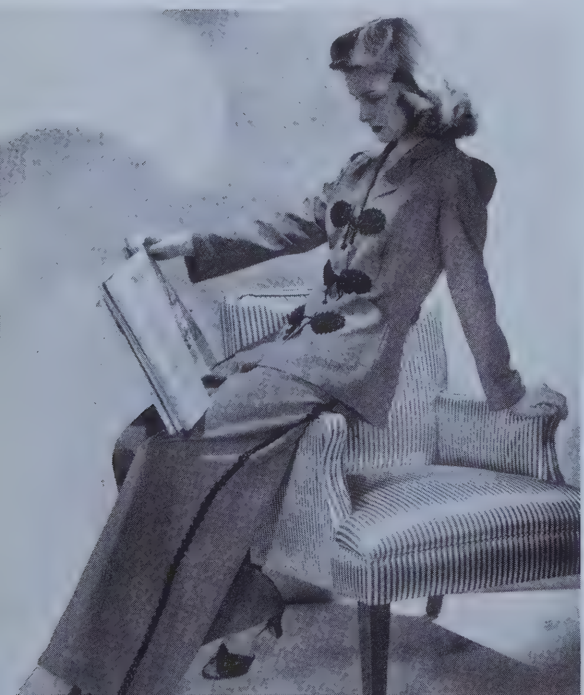
Of course it can't hope to be quite as gay an occasion as those in past years when all our loved ones were gathered around us. In fact, there will probably be solemn thoughts in the back of everyone's mind. But what better day could there be for offering Thanksgiving and reveling in the fact that we are Americans? It's such things as this tradition and for all that it stands that we are fighting.

And so it is that our tables will be laden with the best the kitchen has to offer, heightened by that glowing spirit that pervades on such an eventful day.

The problem at hand is how to have this banquet with the foods available and a minimum use of precious points —but it can be done and easily, too.

What are the favorite holiday dishes? Well, there is the top-ranking turkey and other fowl which is the center of the feast. Then there are any number of delicious stuffings to fatten the bird for its place of honor on the table—plain bread stuffing with a twang of sage, sausage stuffing, mashed potato, savory rice, prune and apple, chestnut, corn bread, and oyster stuffings.

So far we've hardly mentioned a ration point unless it would be prunes, and shortening necessary for moistening.



Some Potatoes

There are white potatoes and sweet potatoes in sufficient amounts and numerous ways of preparing them. Fresh vegetables such as broccoli, brussel sprouts, carrots, green beans, acorn and hubbard squash, add a very appetizing note.

Cranberries are rather a touchy subject since they require so much sugar, but it's definitely a holiday dish and makes so many delicious concoctions—jelly, sauce, relish, ices, sherbet, molded salads—alone or with other fruit combinations.

Hotbreads make their hospitable contribution to the gayety of the holiday, too—particularly plain rolls in fancy shapes. Heavy, rich breads might prove too much with everything else on the menu.

Then lastly, dessert—if there is room. Pumpkin and mincemeat pie are always favorites but a sherbet or a fruit whip might ride more easily.

For Thanksgiving menus and other holiday entertainment ideas, call Wabash 6000. The Home Service Department is ready to serve you.

Trimming Tidings

The clever use of trimming makes all the difference in the world in the appearance of a costume. If you can make the trimming yourself, so much the better. But see for yourself in the accompanying picture. The luxurious looking crocheted frogs of Chinese influence which trim the lounging pajamas strike a stunning accent and are hand crocheted of glossy cotton. The trouser trim is also hand done in the same thread. You may have the directions for crocheting these trimmings by calling at the Gas News office, Room 719.

These Little Things

Little items lend dash to the wardrobe and are easy to make. The drawstring bag with a matching calot is one popular item. The set can be made from a small amount of fabric, light or dark. Make it up in tweed for daytime wear, wool crepe for dressier occasions.

Victorian Echo

The dog collar returns to hug many youthful throats this winter. Woven in simulated pearls with ties of jewel-colored velvet ribbon they are just the touch to wear high above your new low neckline.

Christmas Wrappings

You can make attractive Christmas packages by wrapping them in plain or colored paper on which has been pasted cutout designs of magazine illustrations or left-over wallpaper.

Observation on Hose

If you have had any qualms about wearing cotton mesh hose with your dressier dresses, you can put them aside. This combination has received a nod of approval from the noted French fashion designer, Schiaparelli, who passed through Chicago recently wearing a simple black silk frock, beige cotton mesh hose and black opera pumps.

Jewels Aloft

A single superb note can be added to a tiny skull cap by wearing with it a jeweled hat pin. This style is said to have stemmed from Hollywood where fashionwise ladies are quick to sense the dramatic in dress.

C. A. Madiol Takes Gas Post Gavel At Installation Party

Two hundred and fifty Gas Post Legionnaires reviewed their contributions to the war effort during the past year, and witnessed the installation of their new officers at the 20th Annual event of its kind in the Post's history. The meeting took place on October 19, at the Columbia Yacht Club.

Christ Madiol, General Accounting, the 1944 commander, solicited the cooperation of the members so that they can again coordinate their efforts to render a worthwhile service to the veterans, their families, the community, and the nation.

Some of the Post's activities during the past year, in addition to the veteran welfare work, included a concentrated plea to employes for an increase in War Bond buying through the payroll deduction plan, an action which resulted in raising of the total deductions upwards of three per cent. Two other major Legion-sponsored campaigns were completed with satisfactory results during 1943, one of them being the drive for old radio sets for the U. S. Signal Corps, and the other a crusade for old phonograph records.

The installation ceremonies were conducted by A. E. Canty, Vice Commander, Department of Illinois, American Legion. The officers of the Post who will assist Commander Madiol during the year are: I. G. Anderson, Meter Repair; as senior vice commander; A. A. Ward, Commercial Sales, junior vice commander; A. J. Frendahl, Treasury, treasurer; H. L. Gogele, North District, chaplain; Leo LaGesse, Central District, sergeant at arms; and the following directors: H. W. MacPherson (not an employe), S. J. Modzikowski, Physical and Chemical Testing; J. C. Stoesser, Property Accounting; and Charles Wege, Calumet Station.

After a "right about face," the above veteran Legionnaires, newly installed as Post officers, faced the camera. They are: Leo LaGesse, Herman Gogele, Albert Frendahl, Albert Ward, and Ivan Anderson.

In the inset, Commander Madiol is shown receiving the gavel from Arthur Canty, installing officer.

LIBRARY NOTES

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

You will be interested in reading *An Industrial Medical Problem,* by our own Medical Director, Dr. Harold H. Steinberg, in the October issue of *Gas* magazine which sub-titles Dr. Steinberg's article, "Peoples Gas Light and Coke Inventories the Health of Personnel, Salvages Manpower, Furthers Good Employer-Employe Relations." The article is illustrated and you will find pictures of some well-known folks in action at the diathermy machine and X-ray equipment.

"You Know the Answers — How About Helping Us Out?" asks Mr. F. X. Mettenet in an article in the October 21 issue of *Gas Age.* The Domestic Sales Division of the Company is the custodian of the specific needs and continued goodwill of upwards of 860,000 domestic gas users, and this article surveys the post war plans of the Company in relation to the changing needs and tastes of our customers. The article is illustrated with proposed new types of gas ranges—which one will best suit your post war plans for a new range?

The largest circulating library in the world consists of the books you donated to the Victory Book Campaign. A sailor or soldier who walks into a U. S. O. lounge in the station at Philadelphia may take a dozen books to read on the train. He drops those he has read off at Chicago, and takes more which are exchanged in Kansas City for books which he reads en route to San Francisco. Thus your books are now part of this circulating library operating under rules which include no library cards and no "fines" and in which those who withdraw books seldom bring them back. All volumes collected are not in the U.S.O. "library." Many are distributed overseas, and also sent to 105 U. S. O. clubs located at bases strung from Alaska to Brazil and to coast artillery batteries and air observation units at remote outposts along the Atlantic and Pacific. Drop your books in the Library and we shall be glad to start them on their way for you.

Health HOW TO KEEP IT

By DR. HAROLD STEINBERG

THE COMMON COLD is still our most important medical problem. If that statement is surprising, you might verify it by asking the opinion of your family physician. In this country people suffer from more than 400 million colds each year. Colds and complications cause more lost time than almost all other illnesses combined—about 100 million days a year.

Yet, medical men, in spite of extensive and uninterrupted research, are not convinced that they know the single causative factor in producing colds. These studies reveal, however, that there are certain precautions that may be taken by all of us so that cold infection can be materially reduced. I shall list these for you in the order of their importance. 1. OBTAIN ADEQUATE REST. This means quiet relaxation for a period of one or two hours after working. Of extreme importance is a restful night's sleep—at least seven or eight hours. 2. EATING A PROPER DIET. This will not only provide sufficient nutritional and energy requirements, but enough calories, minerals and vitamins as well. The diet, consisting of at least three meals daily, should contain plenty of fresh fruits, fruit juices, vegetables fresh and cooked, meats or fish, eggs, butter, milk and water. Adequate water intake is essential, with minimal requirements of one glass with each meal, and one glass in the intervals between meals. Take enough time to select and eat a proper diet. Other factors to be stressed are the wearing of proper clothing and avoidance of sudden chilling of the body in drafts.

For the don'ts, first and foremost avoid any unnecessary exposure to persons who are already infected. That means, too, if you have a cold, be considerate of others—cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing. Stay away from public gatherings and prevent the spread of infection to others.

By now, you have said to yourself, "It's the same old stuff. . . . Just what we are told every year." Yet, these principles are sound and, if adhered to, would go a long way to reduce the incidence of cold infection. It is highly problematical whether the type of cold vaccines that are available at the present time, or increased intake of concentrated vitamin preparations, materially alter the prevalence of colds.

Who Knows the Addresses of These Soldiers, Sailors and Marines?

WHERE IS MR. BABIARZ? Who knows where Walter Brown is? Has anyone heard from Robert Evans? Those are questions which are reverberating throughout the Personnel Department and especially in the Employe Records Section, where they are endeavoring to maintain the records of the men who have left the Company for service in the Armed Forces.

Up to the time of going to press, 791 employes of the Company are in military service, and by far the great majority of them have kept in touch with the Personnel Department, or have written to their former workmates in the organization, giving their address changes promptly. Changes are then recorded on the GAS NEWS mailing list.

Only a few soldiers, sailors, and marines have failed to submit their mailing address. The Personnel Department has been unable to obtain their addresses from the locations listed on their applications or from relatives. Any employe who should happen to correspond with any of those listed below, is urged to send the mailing address to Verena McCarville, Employe Records Section, Room 752.

Name	Occupation	Department
Babiarz, Henry J.	Bill Deliverer	Bill Delivery
Brown, Walter P.	Guard	Central District
Castiglia, Donald J.	Junior Clerk	Bill Delivery
Cirafici, John	Service Man	North District
Cockel, Lowell C. Jr.	Junior Clerk	Office of the Chairman
Evans, Robert Sherwood	Bill Deliverer	Bill Delivery
Finn, Russell M.	Laborer	Central District
Foley, John Patrick	Bill Deliverer	Bill Delivery
Forde, James #1	Street Mechanic #3	South District
Frederick, Arthur W.	Service Man	North District
Murray, James A.	Laborer	North District
Stebbings, Barrett Masters	Meter Reader	Meter Reading
Walsh, Philip S.	Junior File Clerk	Cust. Acctg.-Billing
Werner, John Livingston	Student Engineer	Central District

While 100 Last

THE FIRST one-hundred employes of the Company who read this announcement, and apply at the Main Salesroom, in the Peoples Gas Building, will be able to buy a Cory 8-cup coffee brewer at the special price of $2.85.

The one hundred brewers are the remaining stock of this item in the Company. They are to be sold to employes only, as long as they last, and on a "first come first served basis." Only one will be sold to a "customer." They will make fine Christmas gifts for those who move quickly enough to buy them. No previous publicity has been given on this Pre-Christmas offer.

Jane Black, Customers Order, demonstrates one of the Cory Coffee Brewers.

Simply go to the main salesroom and ask for William Hickey, store manager. Tell him that you read about the offer in the NEWS.

GAS around the World

BY WILLIAM HELME

BLITZ CANS—Something new in this war are the blitz cans made by one of our large industrial customers in ever-increasing quantities for use overseas. A compact, sturdy, reinforced can, lacquered inside and olive-drab on the exterior; it holds five gallons of water, gasoline or lubricants. Easily packed on ships, planes and trucks, it has helped to solve one of the problems of transporting quickly these highly important supplies to our men on the fighting fronts. In their manufacture, the cans are machine-pressed into shape for welding and gas is used chiefly for baking on the finish. This not only prevents rust and deterioration but serves to camouflage them from the prying eyes of the enemy.

PLEASE SEND HIM AGAIN—One of our large gas associations recently came across a letter in its files written in 1927 by a Director of a gas company in Japan. In part the letter said, "I am going to send to your United States an engineer of our Gas Works to inspect American Gas Works and Business. He will leave Japan this month with my introduction letter. When he visits your Bureau after his arrival, please dispose of him as you may think best."

THEY'RE OFF—Santa Anita, patronized by Hollywood and host to our best thorobreds, is a busy place these days. But the sound of pounding hooves has been replaced with the thud of marching feet, for the Army has converted the great race track into a training center for ordnance men. And, as everywhere, gas plays a part in the program. Large kitchens, equipped with heavy duty restaurant ranges, are turning out the husky meals our fighting men require.

MAKE WAY FOR NAVY—Preparing to fingerprint a recruit sailor, the Petty Officer in charge told the gob to wash his hands.

"Both of them?" the sailor asked.

The Petty Officer thought that one over a minute.

"No," he said. "Just one. I want to see how you do it."

DEPARTMENTAL SECTION

Central District

BY JOHN F. BALCOM

William Barnes

THIS MONTH we offer our congratulations to our new Chief Clerk, William H. Barnes. Bill takes over the duties of his predecessor, the late Thomas J. Moore. We all wish Bill the best of luck and success in his new undertaking. . . . Congratulations are also in order to Clare Martz, who takes over the timekeeper's duties. . . A word of thanks for the splendid cooperation of all concerned with regards to the newest issue of our Servicemen's News. This second issue has now been completed and will soon be in the hands of our Servicemen. . . . Two new names have recently been added to our list of pensioners, namely: Raymond Paez and John Taylor. These two boys were surprised at the October 27 Forum, when Messrs. P. G. Bruck and W. J. Menet presented them with a War Savings Bond which the boys purchased for them. Also a banquet was given in their honor on November 6, 1943, and Shop Foreman A. Walters presented them with another gift that the boys had purchased for them, a pocket wallet. Best wishes fellows, and may all your plans that you have laid for the future meet with the best of success. . . . The October 27 Shop Forum was a great success. The attendance record for previous meetings was shattered, everyone had plenty to eat, lots of entertainment and also met the new officers who were elected at the previous meeting. We have been assured by Chairman Frank McCann that the November meeting will far surpass our last meeting. So let's try to beat the attendance record that was set at the October meeting. . . . Dan Eliot has gone and done it again. On October 22, 1943, Dan proved to the boys in our shop bowling league that he was a consistent bowler. Out of three games bowled on this date, Dan's score for each game totaled 160. D'ya see why we say he's consistent? . . . Edward Jones is now a regular member of the office day force at Central District, and John Curtin, formerly of North Shop, is now a full fledged member of the office night force. How in the world can the rest of us bowlers keep up with a player like that.

Credit and Collection

BY WALTER OHMACHT

Sgt. Clayson and Daughter Carole.

SO PROUDLY we hold! That's Sgt. Claysen's theme these days. The young lady's name is Carole. Isn't she cute, and isn't Carl the happy daddy, tho? No wonder! . . . About 60 people in the Department, who have been in attendance at our safety meetings in the past, were fortunate in being taken on a conducted tour of the recent Fire Prevention Show. Many of the safety measures in connection with fire prevention which had been discussed before, were actually demonstrated for the group. On account of this excellent show, we now have a more definite understanding of fire and its hazards. Thanks to members of the Chicago Fire Department and to our good friends, Messrs. Arthur L. Reardon and Shirley W. Stetler. . . . Caryle Oedzes is much improved after her recent tonsillectomy. . . . Another one of our girls has heeded the call of duty and enlisted in the Waves. Good Luck, Harriett Hesselberg, let us hear from you.

Suggestions

The numbers below are from a recent bulletin of the suggestion committee. Authors can learn how their ideas were received by sending the coupons to Room 749.

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Correspondence

BY ESTHER FREDERICK

We really enjoyed meeting the new Mrs. Fefes when she and her spouse stopped in to say "Hello" and "Adios" recently. It's back to California for Mrs. Fefes and onward, ever onward for our Willie. . . . Clarence Schurman, quite the dapper officer, was in, resplendent with a pair of silver wings. He's on his way to Transition School to learn more about the big babies. . . . Jim O'Meara stopped for a little bit to pass the time of day and give a new address. That's a soldier that has traveled at least the length of the country. He looked good to us and to all appearances is still the same fun loving Jim we knew not so long ago. . . . Ed McCarthy dropped in to say "Hello" and visit a little bit and tell some tales from Virginia. Sounds like the army does have a bit of fun now and then. We're glad to hear that they do, it makes it easier for us. . . . Ralph Haggerty is hob-nobbin' with our English cousins these days and maybe he'll be gettin' over into Ireland to be sayin' 'hello' to more of the Haggerty clan. We certainly hope for the safety of all of these fine boys who used to belong to us. . . . It was really "Anchors Aweigh" for Anita Lund one night at "Old Heidelberg" at her farewell party, before she left for the WAVES Naval Training Center. From the looks on the faces of all those present and the lateness of the "breaking-up hour," a good time was had by all. . . . It's Good Luck to you and Thanksgiving Greetings to all our men and our gal in service.

Meter Shop

BY GEORGE D. BURNS

Thanks for the swell fish sent in by John Gorman from Northern Wisconsin where he spent his vacation. We enjoyed them, John, and hope that you will remember us again the next time you go up there. . . . Jim Bogie, the last of our boys to have his vacation, is spending it at Excelsior Springs, Missouri. Maybe we'll get some more fish. . . . Any employe of the Meter Shop wishing to write to any of the Meter Shop boys in the service can get their addresses in the office. Let's send each of the boys a card for Christmas. We here at home would be pleased also to hear from the service men. . . . On October 31, the Meter Shop, including all groups, completed 130 days without a lost time accident. The inspections made of the various departments or sections of the Supervisors Safety contest were so close that it was difficult for any one unit to rate. . . . For the month of October, Andrew Klawitter, supervisor of the Machine and Appliance repair shop, led all sections with an outstanding average of 99.2. The other foremen don't intend to leave you on the top Andy. The contest is really hot. . . . Nick Costantino, Tony Cappella, and Andrew Solars are on the sick list. We hope they will get well real soon and get back with the gang. . . . During the test on artificial respiration, every man in the Machine Shop, Delivery, and Appliance Repair Shop Sections was 100 per cent in the performance of the method. This shows that after being taught, some consideration was given by the men to practice the method. . . . John Visaggio and Fred Wilcox are back on the job after a prolonged illness. The boys were getting a bit lonesome for you, fellows!

Anita Lund, one of the latest Peoples Gas recruits in the Waves, is surrounded by several friends at a party staged in her honor. They are, top row, Eleanore Chrissinger, and Dolores Drwal. Bottom row, Marian Nelson, Anita Lund, Betty Crotty, and Pearl Lindemann.

Service Dispatching

BY GEORGE T. KAZUNAS

This is a story of "Soph" and Dan Collins. A story of courage in the defense of the human home front. . . . A couple of years ago they opened their hearts to a youngster named "Mike," when they adopted this toddler. Mike is getting to be quite an up-and-coming fellow. Well, one day not so long ago, "Soph" and Dan, and Mike held a round-table conference. They proudly welcome, this month, a new addition to the Collins Family. This newcomer hails to "Jimmy." He is eight months old and his blond hair is a match for Mike's curly gold. . . . This Collins quartet is going to be a great, unbeatable team. . . . To such courage as this, we pay our humble respects.

Tabulating Section

BY CATHERINE HEANEY

Will it be turkey or not this month? . . . "You press the keys here and you go up there and it writes"—that's an oldtimer's idea of our keypunch and interpreter machines. . . . A belated welcome to Margaret Mary Meany, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Joe. . . . A triple birthday celebration for Leo Kedziora, Eileen Brice, and Marian Halligan. . . . Bill Dorgan became more than excited one night when he saw Fred Delsing and Werner Krahl, the repairmen, in the movies of the subway. . . . After ye scribe's vacation, she is now singing "Carry Me Back to Ol' Virginny." . . . By this time Helen O'Leary and Jean Brundage should be settled at jobs in Miami, Florida. What a lucky break to be there at this time of the year. Eileen Lydon, a new girl, won the Bond, October 22. . . . Our room is so full of electricity that rubber bands stick on the wall. . . . Dolores Taylor's tonsils are no more. . . . Hope you're O.K. now, Marian Frude. . . . We extend our condolences to Milton Larson on the death of his father last month.

South Sales

BY WALTER CAHILL

Allen Gould, now a Captain, has been moved from Honolulu to somewhere in the South Pacific in charge of a detachment. . . . Clifford Otto, who has just received his Bombardier wings and commission, was married on October 27. . . . He has our best wishes. . . . We welcome Lucille Spetman to our Home Service Department.

Meter Reading

BY STEPHEN A. FORAN

CHARLES DUNLEVY has been handing out the cigars while proudly announcing the birth of a daughter, Catherine Cecilia, who arrived on the 20th of September. Eyes: blue—Hair: none. In other words she has a beautiful head of skin! . . . The office force has a new addition in the person of Mrs. Alice Kidd. We hope she likes us and finds her job as pleasant as she has been since she has been here. . . . Bob Rang has been tailored by Uncle Sam and is now doing his bit in the armed forces. With the military knowledge possessed by Bob, we look for him to make quite a name for himself in his new duties. . . . We have been visited recently by Seaman 1/c Ed Dorgan; Seaman 1/c George Hohmeier; and Francis Sullivan. When you see these boys in uniform you can readily understand why our service men are the best in the world! . . . Winnie Clark, one of the grandest women you could hope to meet, has retired from service in the Company. We all join in sincerely wishing her many, many years of happiness. . . . Among our part time meter readers (who have the envy of us old men because they still don't have to face that daily shave) we welcome Jom Morgan, Warren Ossman, Mike McNamara and Richard Burns.

Crawford Station

BY A. G. CANAR

HELEN ANN, daughter of Harry Wiedenbeck, became a graduate nurse last May, and recently enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps. Lieutenant Wiedenbeck is stationed at Camp McCoy, Wisc. Her brother Jack is in the Marine Corps in training at Atlanta, Georgia. . . . Martin Radniak's son is an Army radio man and connected with Radar Research. His duties have taken him by air to China, Australia and Africa. We would call this very interesting work. . . . J. Vincent, son of Thomas J. Crowley, recently made his first flight as an air cadet. . . . We have had a letter from Tony Varallo from Great Lakes. He is being trained as a torpedoman. This is likely to be damaging to the enemy. . . . We also have a card from Driftpin Kucera showing a picture of the Rock of Gibraltar, so he no doubt is either in Africa or Italy or thereabouts. . . . Jim Hegarty recently paid us a visit while home on furlough from a Mississippi Camp. . . . The Machine Shop bowlers recently opened their season, but so far we haven't heard any reports regarding 700 series or 300 scores. . . . We are very sorry to report that Ignatz Kufrin passed away recently.

North District

BY THOMAS DORE

RECENT VISITORS at the shop: from the U. S. Navy Edward Gallagher, Samuel Anthony and Walter Mehrholz; from the U. S. Army, Marion Zanich, Al Haag and Charles Kelly. It's like a spring tonic to see these fellows looking so well and in such fine spirits. Yes, the boys at the Shop would like nothing better than to see all the fellows back for a visit. . . . Robert (Smiles) Ruxton went and dood it; he recently took unto himself a wife. Bob, congratulations and the best of everything to you and Mrs. Robert Ruxton. . . . Congratulations are also in order to a couple of North District boys who were elected to office in the gas workers union; William Conway (recording secretary) and Edward Howe as a trustee. . . . On November 2, the North District Employes' Forum held their first meeting of the new season, at which time officers were elected and plans or the new year were made. We will try to keep you posted, from now on, concerning what happens at these meetings, who tells the best story, etc. . . . John Heil and Frank Wurster can be found any evening practicing ping pong with an axe. They think this is the best way to find out what to do with John Williamson's chop. The boss sure has these two guys chop happy. . . . Some of the fellows in the Armed Services have not let us know when they change from one camp to another and they may not be receiving the GAS NEWS, or, if they do it is apt to be a few months late. If you will keep us or the main office Personnel Department posted as to your whereabouts, you will receive all news promptly. . . . The North Shop Victory Gardens are now about closed for the year. The harvest is in. It was a bumper crop. The mothers, wives and sweethearts of the "gasman" farmers were kept busy the past two months canning everything from peas to watermelons. And next year, if you can believe the boys, you'll have to peek between the vines to see the holder. . . . Hats off to the shop "blood donors." We are getting close to the one hundred percent mark, and if we count the boys who have given blood two or more times we are away over that mark . . . *remember boys we don't want that eight ball.*

Calumet Station

BY WILTON BROWN

WELL IT HAPPENED—Hans Quastler is the most recent bridegroom in our midst. We surely wish you every happiness, Hans. . . . We are glad to see Childs Watts back with us after a very serious illness. . . . We are also glad to have Willie Kleefisch back with us after being off for a few days. . . . We were all very sorry to hear that Frank Lavin had suffered an eye injury while on his vacation. Hope to see you back with us soon, Frank. . . . We are receiving an early response to the Xmas gifts that were sent to our boys in the Armed Services from the gang at Calumet Station. They are all surely glad to be remembered and it seems that it isn't always the value of the gift that matters, but just the fact that they haven't been forgotten that really counts. We are all behind you fellows, and hope that in the very near future you will be back here with us.

Industrial Sales

BY WILLIAM HELME

OUR BIG GAME FISHERMEN, Bill Light and Paul Dreyer, really had something on the line when they hooked the 42 lb. muskie pictured below at Squaw Lake, Wisconsin, recently. . . . Bill Riach had the misfortune to break an ankle last month and it looks like Murdoch will be out of circulation for the football season. . . . Our thespians, Ralph Hoberg, "Stew" Parker, and "Shorty" Lange, with Leone Clark in the feminine lead, are cooking up a little skit for the next Forum meeting, which promises to provide plenty of laughs. . . . Congratulations to Mrs. Raymond E. Diffenderffer, fondly remembered by her former associates as "Minnie" Shields, on the arrival of Marilyn's baby brother.

Fishermen Bill Light and Paul Dreyer display their catch—one of the grandpas of the finny tribe.

Methods and Routines

BY BETTY JOHNSON

As we go to press we hear the news of John Solon's transfer as assistant superintendent of the Personnel Department, and that Floyd Eldridge is to be our new assistant superintendent. To both of you, we extend congratulations and every wish for success in your new duties. . . . Scores at the last departmental golf game at Westgate Valley Course were uniform, with only six strokes difference between high and low man. Our informant says, "they weren't good scores, either." Players were Andrew Dunn, John Burke, Clark Jahn, John Solon, Merlin Smith, Harold Thorson, James Neill, and William Gorman as a guest.

Messenger Service

BY FRANCES CONNOR

Burley Juell, the new messenger, has come to us from action in the Southwest Pacific. When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Burley was a sailor on a boat anchored in Tokio's harbor. After many adventures as a sailor he joined the Naval Air Corps as an aerial gunner, and has two enemy planes to his credit. That's a lot of living for a boy of about twenty. . . . Our little Squeegie paid us a visit this month, he's training for the Naval Air Corps and looks like a miniature admiral in his new togs. . . . Welcome to the Gas Company Ella Urfer, Ruth Hendricks, Anne Sheahan, and Lillian Clark.

Miryan Bayer, pictured above, has danced and drum majored her way into the hearts of her audiences. The photo was used on a poster prior to her appearance at the national convention of the Legion with Glendale Post No. 829.

Research and Testing

BY J. W. HANKO

Anthony M. Dorner is serving as Commissary Chairman for the Employe Forum. If the food served by Chairman Dorner's committee at the Forum held on October 26th is an indication of its success, future attendance at these meetings will move to skyrocket proportions. . . . Mark NOVEMBER 18th on your calendar for the next Company Forum. . . . At the Annual Installation Dinner of Peoples Gas Post held on October 19 at the Columbia Yacht Club, Past Commander Stanley Modzikowski was presented with a beautiful Longines watch and Past Commander's gold medal and gold lapel pin for his leadership of the Post and untiring efforts for the past year. . . . PFC Leslie N. Miller has returned to civilian life after serving in the Army for fourteen months. He is authorized to wear the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon for duty performed in the Southwest Pacific area. We're all glad to have you back at work, Les, and your first-hand accounts answer many of our questions. . . . Frank Witting opened the bowling season with a vengeance. He blasted through the entire bowling aggregation to lead the whole list of bowlers (if one reads from bottom up). His one game of 64 was astounding. Tsk! Tsk! . . . It's Second Lieutenant Bertram McElroy of the Chemical Warfare Service now. He dropped in to see us last month after his graduation from Officer Candidate School. Sure makes a fine looking officer. . . . The A. M. Dorners proudly announce an addition to their family in the form of Theodore Michael born on September 10. We enjoyed the smokes. Thanks. . . . Lieutenant Commander Donald Dalton informed us that they too had a visit from the stork. For the Daltons it was a baby girl, Dorothy Jean, born on September 12. . . . Congratulations, daddies.

Purchasing Department

BY HELEN LAMEIKA

What greater surprise could we furrow into our expressions than to see Lt. Walter W. McCabe. A sparkling personality with speedy limbs, he stopped in for a momentary visit and was gone. Thanks for stopping in Walter, and accept our best wishes for success. Make it a point to return soon. . . . At the recent "Kick-Off" dinner for the Forum Committee, a serving of chicken was just completed when suddenly Wm. J. MacDonald observed that mostly wings were being served. He then drew a triumphant conclusion stating: "This must be air corps chicken — all wings and no landing gears." Still army-minded.

Budget

By CHARLES M. JENSEN

John Carson brought back evidence of a profitable vacation in the form of some very beautiful and delicious northern pike. Les Brandt tried to duplicate Carson's catch, but—well, the big ones always get away. . . . Alice Ahlstrom reported vacationing in Chicago and vicinity to be very pleasant. . . . Hannah Cunningham, of the General Accounting department, is temporarily assisting us. We hope she enjoys being with us.

North Sales

BY R. C. MARTIN

The North Sales Division again was host, the Vine Restaurant was the place, Friday, October 29, was the time, Rex Santoro was the reason. Rex is keeping an appointment with Uncle Sam November 3, at Camp Grant. . . . Word has come from Jim McAndrews that he has seen active service overseas, and is taking advanced training at Fort Ord, California, with the 738th Field Artillery Battalion. We hear more and more of San Diego since the Marines have landed —ask Jeanette Temte. . . . We were all glad to see George McGuire back at work again after his long illness. . . . Alfreda Zukowski and Bettie Mae Brown have been taking a first aid training course at the Bismarck Hotel on Thursday evenings. . . . Al Schert has developed into an ardent Illinois fan with his boy, Al Jr., a half back on Ray Elliott's squad. . . . Hallowe'en has come and gone and Dick Murff, our porter, is sure that whoever said there was a soap shortage is a big liar.

South District

BY EDWARD O'MALLEY

Sgt. Frank Newman paid us a visit recently while on furlough. He has completed his training, looks in the pink, and expects to be on his way soon. . . . Also heard from Joe Signorello from somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. He writes the South Sea Isles don't even approach advance publicity and cannot compare with the south side of Chicago and the good old gas house gang. . . . Sgt. Frank Gaffney is still sojourning at Biloxi and reports he is all set for the winter social season. . . . John Gorham is progressing satisfactorily and should be out of the hospital by the time this reaches print. . . . Air Cadet John Harris is in advanced training on the west coast and is about ready to sprout wings. . . . John Schuldt, our regular scribe, is in Birmingham on a business trip, which accounts for the scarcity of news items in this issue.

Here's a good one of a Treasury twosome, Private and Mrs. Norman Jacobson, snapped during his recent furlough.

Treasury-Receiving
BY RUTH CARLSON

So long and good luck to one swell gal, Ruth Campanale, who left us in October. We'll miss you, Ruth . . . come in to see us often. . . . Glad to see Dorris Ann Nordmark back on the job after her recent siege of pneumonia. . . . Our G. I. guy, Fred Reblitz, suffered a sprained wrist down at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma. Fred demonstrates Judo in his spare time. . . . Looks like Sgt. Howard McElroy is enjoying himself up in British Columbia. Caught this bear cub while out on maneuvers, or something. . . . Orville Gauss is swabbing decks for Uncle Sam as of the 29th of October. Good luck, "Orv." . . . To anyone who hasn't heard yet, that diamond Lorraine Thurnes is flashing is from her man, Herb Pickartz, a Navy Air Cadet now at Ottumwa, Iowa. . . . Pictured above are Pvt. and Mrs. Norm Jacobsen, together during Norm's 10 day furlough. He's now somewhere overseas.

Engineering Department
BY JULIEN JORDAN

We had a letter from Cliff Older saying that he ran into Tom Petty out there on the "Rock" in the Sou Wes Pac. Not such a big world after all. George Cheshire writes, saying that he has changed his address from the Atlantic to the Pacific side of the United States. . . . It looks like busy days ahead for the boys on the home front in this department. Paul Henehan, Ed Gibbs, Rees Evans and Ed Malarkey are now in the field making surveys, just trying to get ahead of "Old Man Winter." We understand that Rees is the best dressed man on a utility survey. Where was the party, Rees? . . . We have increased the personnel of the department. Someone new has been added. Welcome, Mildred Jones. . . . John Schuldt of the South District Shop and Dan Collins from the Service Dispatching office are now in Birmingham, Alabama, inspecting pipe. . . . The back room has been opened again as a drafting room, where Ed Anderson and Joe Morrison are at present holding the "Fort."

Peoples Gas Post No. 336
BY S. J. MODZIKOWSKI

The next regular meeting of the Post will be held in Room 1039, Peoples Gas Building, on Tuesday, November 16th. Turkeys will be the big event on the program. . . . Senior Vice-Commander Ivan Anderson reports that to date 105 members have paid their 1944 dues. . . . Comrades Ed McGraw and Enrico De Carli are still confined at Hines Hospital. . . . Comrade J. S. Blaney spent a few weeks at the West Suburban Hospital. . . . Feeling much improved, Comrade Al Haake is back at work after a week's check-up at St. Luke's Hospital. . . . The drive for old phonograph records still continues. Past Commander Jesse Dowen will accept all offerings. . . . On November 11, Peoples Gas Post conducted its annual Armistice Day Commemoration Service in front of the Servicemen's Plaque, Customers Hall. Commander Madiol officiated. Comrades Joadwine, LaGesse, Peikes, Ward, and Hughes assisted in the ceremonies.

Domestic Sales
BY GRACE CARDWELL

Ed Rowe and Jack Wilke make mighty fine helpers. Watch for them at the future Forums. If you missed the last Forum, plan now to make the next. There's lots of fun ahead. . . . That big grin on Russ Huggins' face is to let you know he now rates 1A with Uncle Sam. . . . Welcome back Joe Kadlac. The Army has kept Joe pretty busy the past few months, but he's not too tired to supply a bit of laughter if you're willing to come on down and listen to his yarns. By the way, Joe says he's happy to be a civilian again. . . . It was just a printed greeting card from India, but it was from our own Tom Dimond. At least we know he hasn't forgotten us. . . . That Medical Corps in Camp Livingston, Louisiana, is taking up most of Mike Coyne's time. He's happy to say he does find a few moments for "african dominoes" however. Those five-man huts they call home can't be beat (is he kiddin'?). . . . Our last letter from Jimmie Fleming was written from a pit in front of a target range.

Archives
BY R. C. FITZSIMMONS

Sergeant Gene Sullivan dropped in to see us the other day. Gene is looking fine and gave us a nice outline of his training as a turret gunner on one of those Liberators. He is now located at Salt Lake City, Utah, and will finish his training there for overseas combat duty. Gene says he has received the GAS NEWS regularly and so we hope this finds him traveling high and handsome. . . . What better reading could one hope for these days than word from our lads in the service of our Country and so—Pfc. Jim Canty now gives us an "A.P.O." New York address so he must have made a big hop from Fresno, California to some European stop-off on the way to Berlin. This makes Jim our first overseas soldier. Good luck Jim and keep writing. . . . Pfc. John Smit is still punching down there in Georgia.

Stores—Warehouse
BY MARIE J. LEHMANN

We like this picture of Corp. Harold R. Todd. All looks safe when he is on guard. Harold has been transferred to Camp Butner, North Carolina. He has gained a great deal of experience in his travels through the country and has learned to be a "First Class Chef." . . . Pfc. John A. Deora took time out to write a V-letter, informing us that he is fine, and is now located on an Island where you are never lonely, due to such a large variety of insects to keep you occupied. Glad to hear you are doing so well, John. . . . Both Harold and John were working in the Stationery Department before entering the Service. . . . Lt. J. Joseph Caulfield and his young bride dropped in to see us on October 22, Joe proudly bearing the wings that he earned at Mills, California. Joe looked stunning, and as a result, he was unanimously voted the pin-up boy of the office. . . . We welcome Anna Delaney to our Department.

Corporal Harold R. Todd

Customers Order

BY CARL W. HAASE

PICTURED BELOW is our lovely Betty Hoigard in our series of pin up girls. . . . We welcome into our department Jane Harris and we are happy to have you with us. . . . Major W. Wimble, U. S. Army, paid us a visit a few weeks ago and his visit was enjoyed by everyone. . . . Winifred Clark of the Meter Reading department (formerly of the Customers Order Department) left the services of the Company to enjoy the pleasures of being on the annuity roll. J. E. Dowen, Superintendent of Customers Order, presented Winnie Clark with a farewell gift given by her co-workers. Don't forget to come back to see us, Winnie. . . . Rose Valentini is enjoying her vacation with the Navy. Her nephew Henry is in for a visit. . . . George Keller is vacationing in our Windy City; good chance to exercise those vocal cords, George, while you are raking those leaves. . . . Leona Goodney had a pleasant vacation with her sister in Carbondale, Illinois. . . . Jane Black and Florence Creigton spent a week-end with relatives in Detroit. . . . Jean Fedosky and her girl friends had a hilarious week-end at her parents' summer home in Harbert Woods, Michigan. . . . Dorothy Wade is still calling her mother every day asking her mom if there is any mail from her soldier boy in England. . . . What a complete surprise to James Broderick when his co-workers celebrated his birthday with a cake and candles. Poor Jim was speechless.

A truly candid picture of Betty Hoigard taken last summer while on her vacation at Lake Geneva, Wis., July 1943.

Personnel

BY MARIAN BRYANT

DORIS TRYON was the honored guest at a dinner and miscellaneous shower at Huyler's November third. . . . A leather fitted traveling bag was presented with all good wishes for success to Shirley Stetler, when he left our company recently. . . . Cornelia Titus, and Harry Foley, attended the fall conference of the National Association of Suggestion Systems in Cleveland, Ohio, early in November. On her way back, Cornelia stopped off in Indiana to entertain some of her friends with her latest feats of magic. . . . Bob Bing, our army private, "vacationing" in Miami Beach, has been accepted for the Army Specialist Training Corps. . . . Two reasons why Notre Dame scored so well against Illinois: Betty Crotty and Mary Lou Swigart and their combined Sopranos! . . . They're looking forward to seeing the Irish clash with the Seahawks at South Bend. . . . Alice Lake's Army Lt., Bob McLaughlin, helped her spend an enjoyable vacation right here in Chicago.

General Accounting

BY PETER GILLIGAN

HERALDING THE INAUGURAL of the now in progress WAVE recruiting drive were welcome but suspicious visits from our two WAVES, Dorothy Anderson and Lucylle Buxton. Navy life evidently agrees with both girls and it was hinted they were sent over by the recruiting officer in hopes their fine appearance would be a stimulus to the drive. Dorothy was enjoying a leave from her duties at Abbot Hall and was in for a short visit before entraining for her home in Nebraska. Lucylle had completed her airplane mechanics course at Norman, Oklahoma, and was in Chicago on a ten day leave before departing for Pensacola, Florida. . . . To continue in a nautical vein, Seaman Pards Jenkins was assigned to the radio school at the University of Wisconsin after completion of his "boot" training at Farragut, Idaho. . . . Two of our more recent brides, Eleanor Pollensky Laegeler and Virginia Malinowski Semrow left the ranks of the white collar girls to take up their duties as home makers. . . . If there are any red, white and blue orchids, there should be some on order for Jean Pryor. Not only was she one half of the bond selling team that recently sold $5050.00 in bonds in one evening at a downtown theatre, but she is also a seven-time blood donor. . . . Hal Rubly, our most recent inductee, writes that he is attending the Army Administration School.

Bookkeeping

BY RITA CONLON

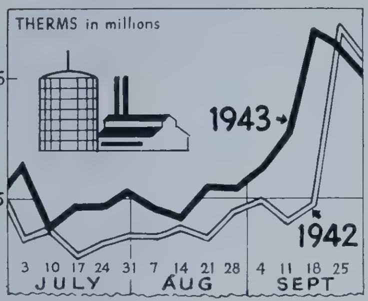
TWO OF UNCLE SAM'S BOYS, Bill Savage and George Considine visited the department, while in on their furloughs. We sure enjoy seeing and hearing from our co-workers who are in the service of our country. . . . A new bookkeeper, who no longer answers to the call of reveille, is Laddie Statsny, welcome back to Books again. . . . Our brides of recent date are Ruth Kestner and June Schlung, much luck and happiness are wished to you both. . . . Introducing George Patrick Keane, four-month old, brown-eyed son of Theodore Keane. A real White Sox rooter is John Andertich, but when it comes to over-averaging a Cub gas bill, the Cub fans wonder if that's your only way of getting even? . . . The letter from Tom Kearns somewhere in India, was very much appreciated. . . . A proud father is Joe Meany, who is now over in Iceland with fond hopes of seeing his daughter, Margaret Mary, soon. . . . Helen Kinny and Evelyn Stohm enjoyed vacationing in Florida. . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mae Prinderville on the death of her father, and to Walter Meng on the death of his mother.

George Keane

Auditing Department

BY ALBERT DRIGOT

AMID FESTIVITIES at the Columbia Yacht Club on October 19, our Christ Madiol was installed as the new Commander of Peoples Gas Post No. 336 of the American Legion. We're proud and happy, Christ. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leo M. Meyer welcomed their fifth tax deduction, Edward Joseph, into their family on October 1. Wee Edward has two each of brothers and sisters. Outside of being consistent, Crosby and Cantor have nothing on Meyer. . . . We hear that Tom Casey is still at Durham, N. C., but still climbing in the Army; it's 1st Lieutenant, now. . . . Add Ralph W. Maass to this department's troop of stalwarts visiting Northwestern University these evenings.



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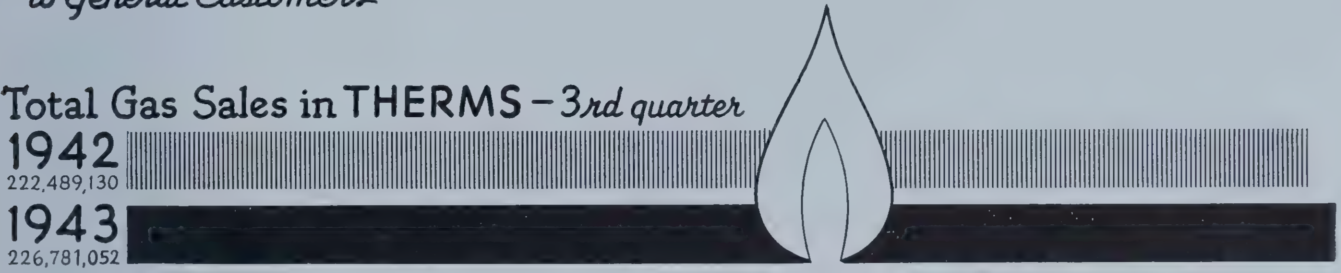
Covering the Months of July, August, and September.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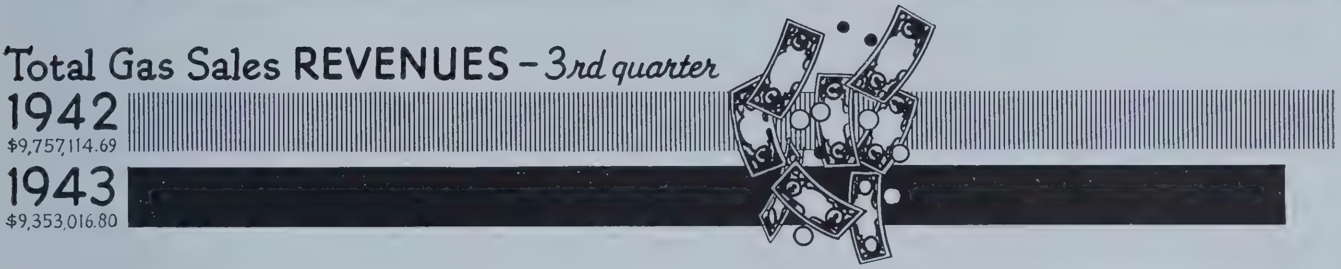
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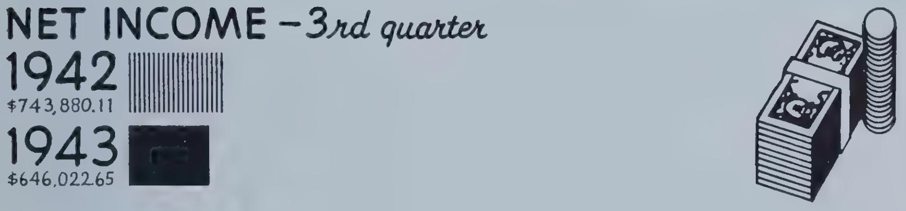
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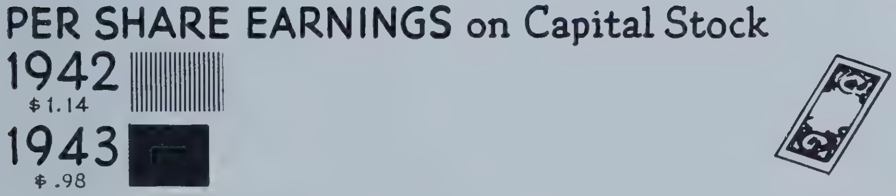
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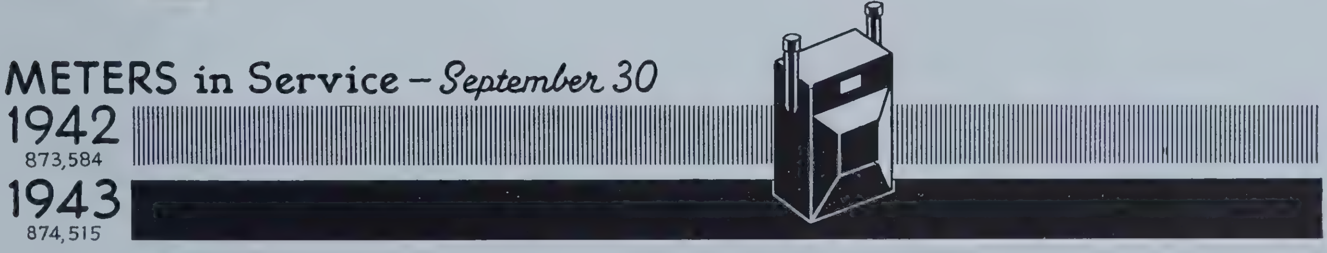
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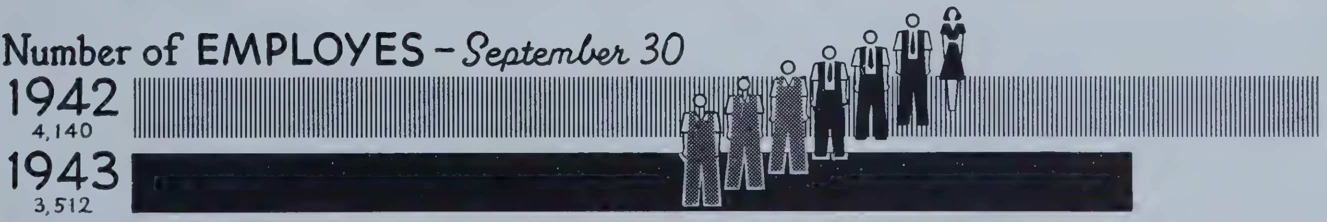
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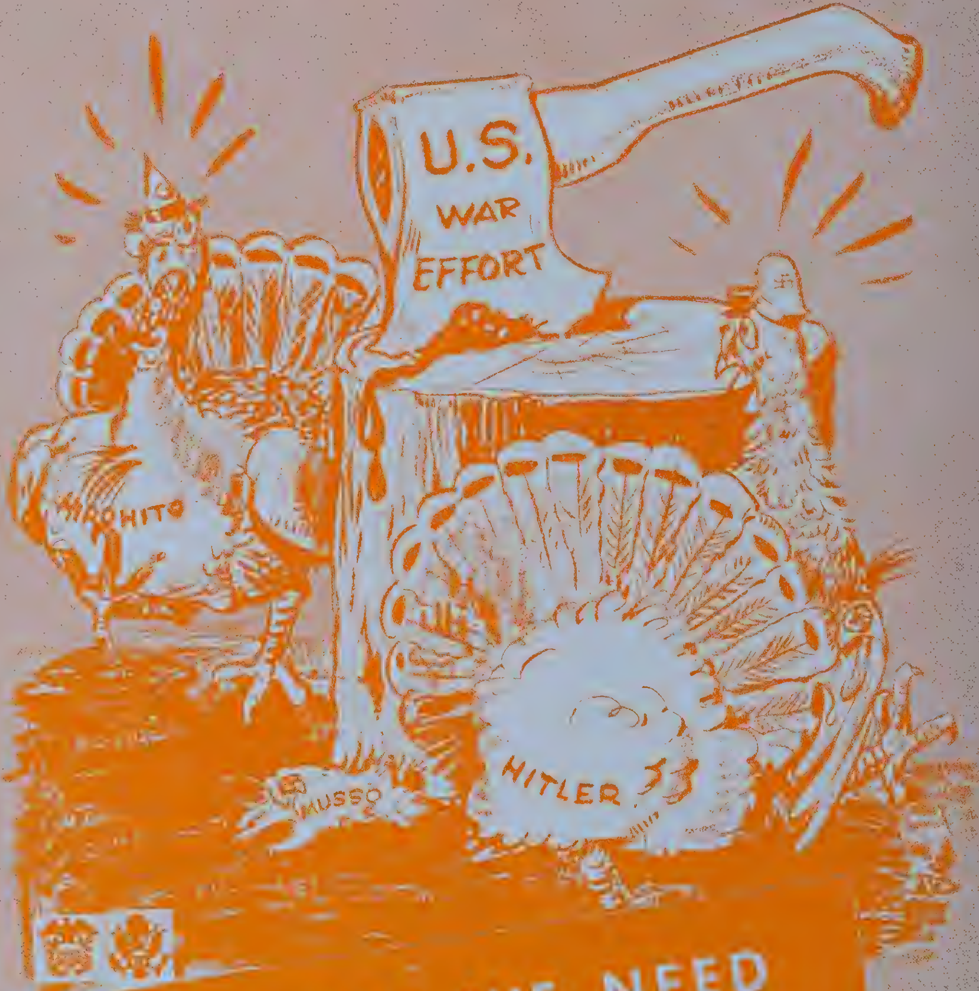

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DECEMBER, 1943

Christmas Greetings

CHRISTMAS, 1943, finds a large number of the members of the Gas Company family scattered throughout the world, serving in the various branches of the armed forces of our Country. Our Christmas Greetings have already been sent to each one of them individually.

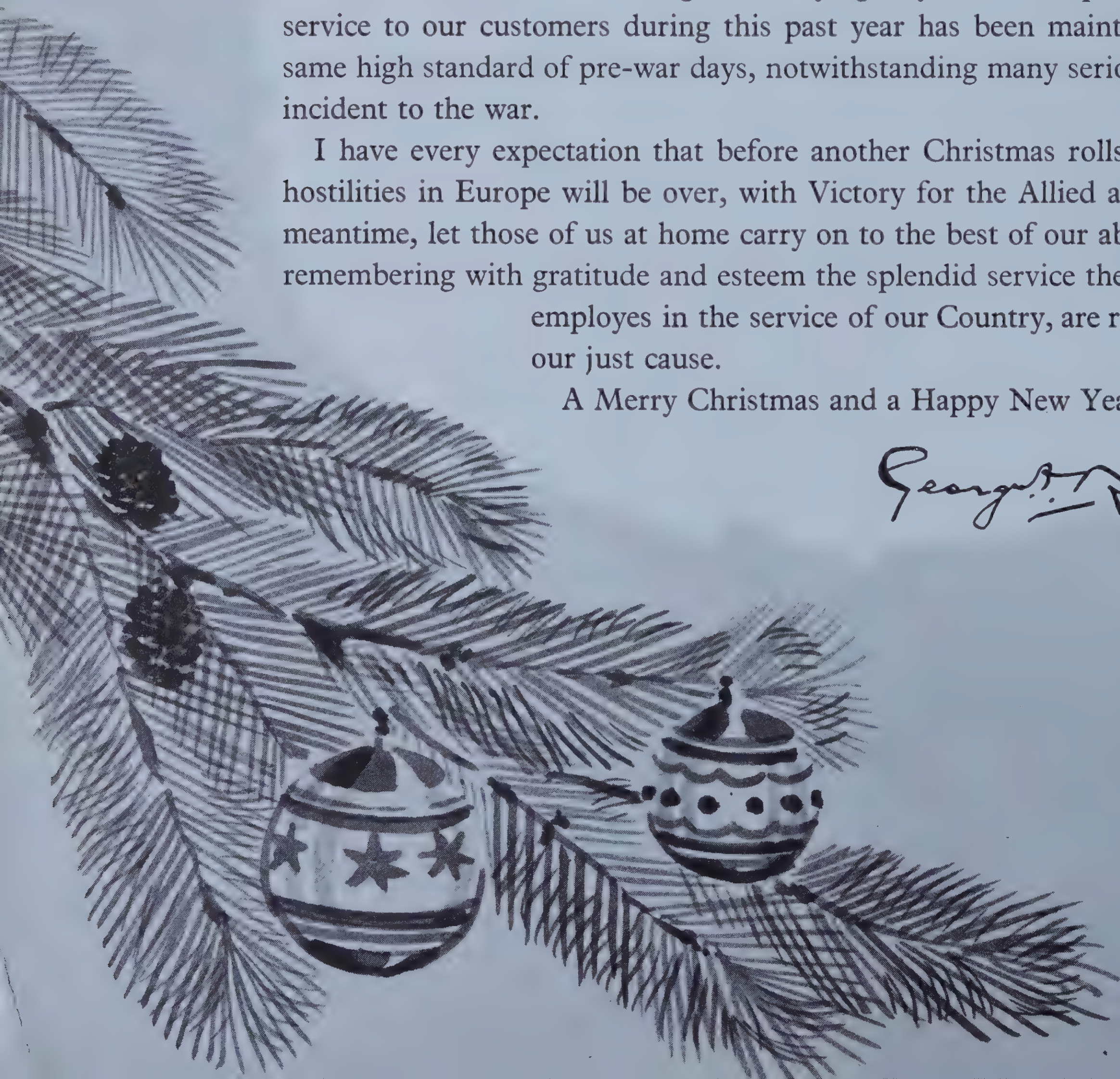
To those at home in the Company's service are extended best wishes for a Merry Christmas accompanied by the Company's thanks and appreciation for the loyal interest and support that all have rendered to it during these trying days. We are proud that the service to our customers during this past year has been maintained at the same high standard of pre-war days, notwithstanding many serious obstacles incident to the war.

I have every expectation that before another Christmas rolls around the hostilities in Europe will be over, with Victory for the Allied arms. In the meantime, let those of us at home carry on to the best of our ability, always remembering with gratitude and esteem the splendid service the Company's employes in the service of our Country, are rendering for our just cause.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

George A. Ranney

CHAIRMAN



AFTER you've tramped, and tramped 'till your feet get sore, and you've walked and shopped 'till you can't walk any more to find that little gift that isn't there, return to the Victory Window in the Gas Building and end your troubles. At that window on the main floor are presents with a future, to fit every purse—War Stamps and War Bonds.

At that window, and others just like it in the branch offices of the Company, they're featuring the slogan, "A Stamp for Every Stocking." And they're just the thing for the busy, last-minute shopper. No worry about size and color; whether for man or woman they're all equally acceptable. Gifts of War Bonds and Stamps pack a double wallop: they make the recipients happy this Christmas, and in addition, help our boys toward a stable, prosperous post war period and merrier Christmases to Come!

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THEY'VE come back home to roost, those 55 men who have returned to their "civvies" after a taste of real war. These men who were released from various branches of the services for numerous reasons, found their old jobs waiting for them when they returned to Peoples Gas. On Page 6 of this issue are contained some facts about these ex-warriors, and how they feel about being back on the job.

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IF users of telephones, for both business and personal use, achieved an average saving of three minutes daily in telephone conversations, the saving throughout the country in telephone use would amount to one and a quarter million hours per day. Or, to put it another way, they'd save the equivalent of 140 years every day. Patriotic people keep in mind the tremendous telephone burden of a nation at war, and confine their conversation to necessary talk and a minimum of gossip.

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Being a World War veteran at 20 years of age, possessing seven campaign ribbons, for having been in the thick of the battle, and having many exciting experiences—that's what Bud Juell, Messenger Section, has to remind him of his two years of service for Uncle Sam. Read about this fellow's war background on page 8 of this issue.

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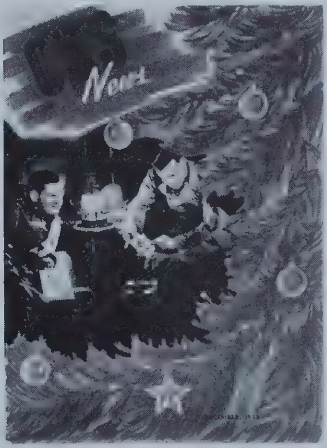


The Cover

If all of those people who have loved ones in the Armed Forces could peer beyond the boughs of their Christmas trees, and see the soldiers opening their gifts on Christmas Day, how happy they would be. Here is a photograph of a group of soldiers inside a regular Army tent with the packages which they received from home. Photo by Louis Williams.

Coming Events

Peoples Gas Post Meeting
December 21, 8 P.M.
Morrison Hotel

Peoples Gas Club Inaugural Meeting
January 19, 8 P.M.
Orchestra Hall

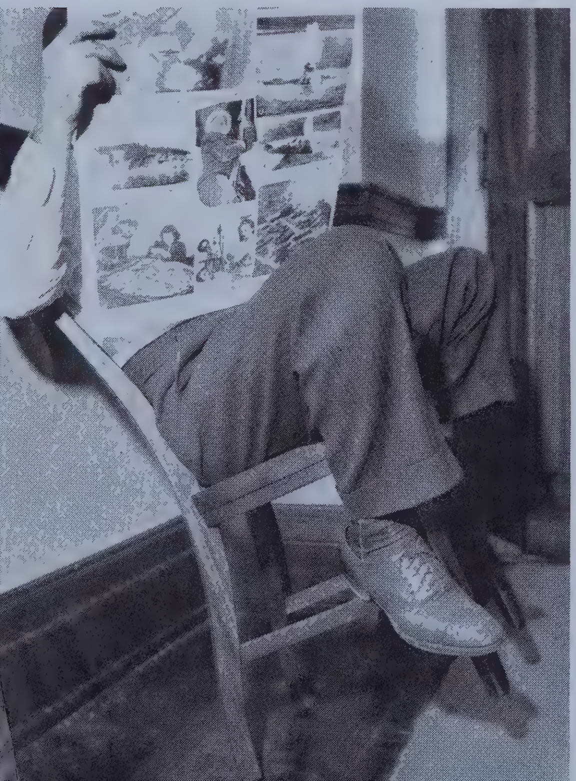
Employe Forum
January 25, 1944
Auditorium and Room 1039

Don't Lean Back on that Chair!

There are many little things that all of us can do to make our dwindling supply of materials last for the duration. Here are a few simple guides for that conservation fight on the Home Front.

The legs on the chair above are made of spring steel—the kind which is going into guns and tanks today. When this chair part snaps from too much strain, the whole piece of furniture will go into the junk heap.

The chair below is getting a real workout via the "lean back" method. Every part is straining to the utmost. How long will it last if used in this manner? Can't say, but one day Mr. Leanback will come tumbling down, and another chair will become scrap lumber.



FIGHTING A WAR is grim business! It means that sooner or later somebody is going to be defeated. Whether we are on the losing or the winning side depends upon how we wage our fight with the materials on hand. We, through our government, have declared war on our enemies, and our armed forces are doing their part. However, there is still another war on the home front to be fought. It is a war of conservation.

A war of conservation means a fight on the home front to overcome our Pre-Pearl Harbor habits of wastefulness. At home it means saving grease, tin cans, and auto tires. At work it means making the tools of our trade, those which cannot be replaced, last longer—treating them, in fact, like life-long friends.

The 64-Dollar Question

"But, how does this conservation business affect me?" many an office worker will inquire. "What are these things, and how can I help to make them last longer?" That is the 64-dollar question which we will endeavor to answer on these pages.

As a starter, let's take the case of the lowly typewriter. The Company now has about 200 of them. It will get no more new or used ones until the axis is cracked. We'd better make 'em last —or else! By stretching the imagination, a typewriter could be made to seem like an anvil, but it works much better when it is not pounded upon. All machines, regardless of what they are, should be cleaned once a day, preferably in the morning. Our reward will be a good looking piece of work, satisfactory to the operator and "the boss" as well.

Hairpins, bobby pins, and paper clips, as well as matches are all difficult to get these days. When dropped into the mechanism of an office machine they do neither the operator nor the machine any appreciable good. If these things must be saved, they are best kept in a box or some other container away from ANY working mechanism.

Slowing the Machinery

Up to this time we've been lucky enough to get an eraser or two. (And who doesn't make mistakes?) When dropped into the mechanism of a typewriter, the combined particles of rubber and paper form a mixture which materially hampers the movement of the machinery. The machine will operate more smoothly, and remain clean longer if the operator will move the carriage to the right or the left of the mechanism before erasing. The debris is more easily removed from the desk than from within the typewriter.

A question that bothers some intellectuals: "Where does your lap go when you stand up?" What bothers our repairmen is, "Where does your chair go when it breaks down?" Sitting is such a simple procedure, but some of us only half sit by perching on the arm of a chair, or by leaning over backwards perilously until the chair back hits the wall. In the first instance the person almost stands; in the other position he almost lies down. In BOTH positions he weakens the chair. Chairs such as we have in the Gas Company are no longer being made—and the supply is dwindling very fast.

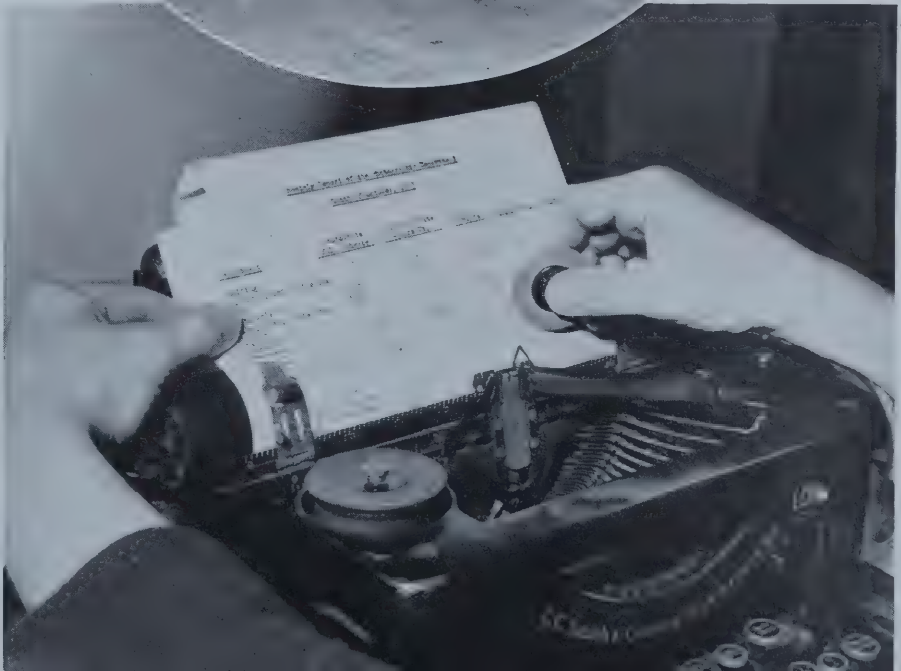
Desks are among our sturdiest pieces of furniture. The weakest desk will probably hold the heaviest employe. They are also the most expensive. Throughout the Company are a total of 1,700 desks—all shapes and sizes, some of solid mahogany. But it's the little things which do most damage to desks—things like burning cigarettes, scraping pins, metal ink sets, and our personal trinkets and decorations. Like a bashful beau with a bouquet, they make a lasting impression. These "tell-tale" marks, scratches, and burns keep our repairmen and refinishers busy—sometimes too busy—keeping up with our carelessness.

The telephone is a wonderful instrument. Before the war we were reminded that Aunt Emma, in Podunk, was only as far away as the closest receiver. But now Uncle Sam has requisitioned it as an article of war. Unnecessary long distance calls are "tabu," and keeping personal calls down to a minimum as well as business calls short and to the point, is the order of the day.

These are some of the things—just a few of them, incidentally—that every employe can do to help in our home front conservation. If we all work together and think before we do things detrimental to our supply of equipment, we will be doing something of value, over and above our bond buying, to help win the war. Not only that, but it will make our daily tasks easier and more pleasant.

Notice the heels in the top picture. The metal cleats protect the leather, but the desk under them takes the punishment. Soon this fellow will move a little to a more comfortable position and the metal will gouge the varnish. If this restful spot gets to be a habit, the desk will soon need refinishing.

The cigarette is small, but the amount of damage that the burn can do is great. Linoleum will soon show the multiple burns of cigarette ends resulting from this method of disposal. The use of an ash tray is one method of avoiding the "eye-sore" appearance of office floor covering.



The typist can do much to keep her machine in top operating condition by moving the carriage either to left or right before erasing.

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BONDS AND STAMPS HERE
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The attractive Main Office "Victory Window," on the main floor of the main building, maintains a service for both employes and customers who wish to buy War Bonds and Stamps.

A Million And A Half Dollars Worth Of Bonds

That's What Peoples Gas Sold To Employes And Customers In 22 Months

During the past 22 months, the Gas Company has sold almost one and a half million dollars worth of War Bonds to help Uncle Sam finance the war, according to figures compiled by the Treasury-Receiving department. The exact figure, which represents the maturity value of bonds sold to both employes and the public, was $1,449,050, up to and including November 30. Before New Years, however, the figures should show another $90,000 worth sold, because December is expected to be a heavy one for War Bond sales.

Exceeded Last Year's Sales

This year the Company easily exceeded its last year's Bond selling record. Last year's total for eleven months beginning in February was $601,475, while the records for Bond Sales to both the public and employes proved that the demand was much greater for America's best investment during 1943. The Company sold $847,575 worth up to the end of November.

Two Thirds to Employes

Roughly two thirds of the one and a half million dollars worth of bonds were sold to employes, either through the payroll deduction plan, or "over the counter." About 90 per cent of the employes on the payroll did their Bond buying via the payroll savings route, altogether aggregating a maturity value total of $907,400 worth. Counter sales to employes were reasonably high, running to $157,125 for the two years ending in mid November of 1943.

Customers who did their War Bond buying either at the main office or the scattered branch offices of the Company, wanted $384,525 worth. The peak month during 1942 for sales to both employes and customers, was December, with $73,150 worth. This year's records show that September was the biggest month on record with $95,300 worth of Bonds earmarked to help the U.S. in its epic world struggle. However, this Christmas the total sales will probably smash all previous one-month sales. And why not? Aren't they the Christmas present with a future?

People Gas employes are at present buying War Bonds at the rate of more than $50,000 per month. During November of this year, $54,150 worth of bonds was purchased through the payroll deduction plan, representing about six per cent of the total Company payroll.

Louis Wolf Hits The Jackpot With Suggestions Ideas

THREE IDEAS in one suggestion, all of them on the subject of safety, brought $15 to Louis Wolf, of South District. Then he added two more ideas which earned another $15, bringing his total for the month of November to $30. Mr. Wolf proposed safety guards for certain machinery at the Shop, and suggested the use of fire prevention equipment, in addition to an idea for a new Blood Donor chart which designated one, two, and three-time visitors to the blood bank.

Richard J. Clark, Meter Reading, developed two ideas which gave him $15 in extra Christmas cash. The ideas suggested the use of new forms in the department.

E. M. Lindsey, Auditing, outlined a different routine for handling old age benefit taxes and records containing O.P.A. prices to customers. His reward was $10 in cash.

John Barbino, Stores Department, revised a form MU-250, and collected $10 for the trouble; while Thomas Hoban, of North District also is $10 richer for having suggested the use of a rubber stopper when cutting services in the street.

The following employes received $5 awards for their ideas during the past month: August Magistrelli, Meter Reading; Marie Lehmann, Stores; Herman Ruppmann, Stores; Doris Tryon, Personnel; W. E. Higgins, General Accounting; Arthur Fant, North District; Joseph Marasia, Refining Plant; Pearl Lindemann, Distribution, and J. E. Newett, North District.

New Rules For Buying '44 Auto License

A NEW SYSTEM has been inaugurated for persons applying for their 1944 City of Chicago Auto Stickers. Every motorist must purchase a 1944 Illinois passenger or truck auto license before making application, on the new style application form, for a 1944 City Auto Sticker.

Application blanks for City Vehicle Licenses may be procured in the Library, Room 1607. Starting December 16, licenses may be purchased at the City Hall, Room 107.

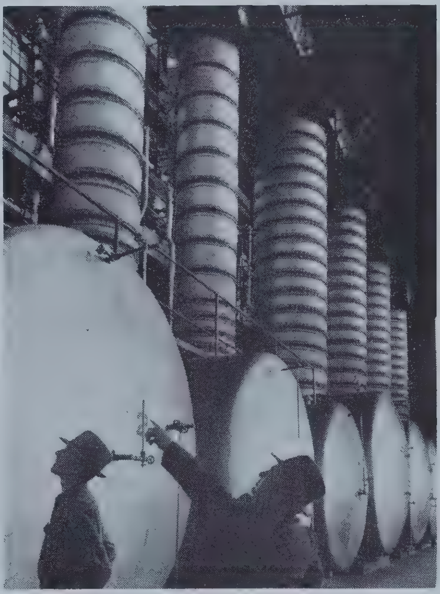
Discontinue Refining Operations at Chicago By-Products Plant

THE CHICAGO BY-PRODUCTS CORPORATION on November 30 discontinued its liquid by-product refining and motor fuel marketing operations. It will continue, however, to act as the agent of The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company in the sale of coke, headquarters for the coke sales division being maintained at Crawford Station.

Arrangements have been completed with the Interlake Iron Corporation to refine the light oils produced at our Crawford coke oven plant which were formerly processed at the subsidiaries refining plant.

The discontinued operations were those involved in producing liquid fractions from the light oil extracted at the Company's nearby Crawford coke oven plant and from similar purchased light oils. The liquids refined at the plant included benzol, tuluol, xylol, and naphthalene. Products marketed included those mentioned and various motor fuels and related materials.

Some of the storage tanks at the Chicago By-Products Corporation property located at 35th and Cicero Avenue.



The interior of the main refining plant building, showing the refining apparatus for fractionating light oils.

The cessation of the liquid by-product refining and marketing activities of the subsidiary resulted in the closing of the Corporation's office on the sixth floor of the Peoples Gas Building and the relocation of the employes of that office and the plant.

The majority of the 49 employes affected by the change were transferred to employment with the parent organization, others, where eligible, were retired under the Company's Service Annuity System, and a number exercised the option of taking termination allowances.

Webster R. Evans, since 1923 general manager of the Chicago By-Products Corporation, was retired on November 30. He had served the Company for more than 41 years.

SIX PERFECT SCORES IN 8-BALL CONTEST

THERE ARE six sections in the 1943 "8 Ball" Safety Contest with perfect scores. No accidents have been reported in any of these sections throughout the year. The six with the perfect scores are the Research and Testing, Chicago District Pipeline, Transportation, 22nd Street Station, Warehouse Building, and Division Street Station.

The five sections "behind the 8 ball" this month are the Peoples Gas Building, North Station, Central District, Calumet Station, and Meter Reading department.

Warriors From World War II

RETURN TO THEIR JOBS AT PEOPLES GAS

FIFTY-TWO of our warriors from World War II have donned civilian garb after seeing service for Uncle Sam in the Armed Forces, and are now back to work at Peoples Gas.

Without exception, the men who have returned from ships, Army camps, and training centers to enter civilian life again have been placed on their old jobs, or on similar ones in their former departments, and at the same rates of pay.

These fellows are back on the job as the result of their being overage, although a few releases were brought about because of physical disability. While most of the employes are pleased to be back on their old jobs again, they have rather mixed feelings about their transition from the strict discipline which is a necessary part of military life, to the relatively simple and easy-going civilian way of living.

Here are a few random interviews which reveal how it feels to be back on the job again after doing their part for Uncle Sam.

Jack Burke, Methods and Routines

"At first I thought it was great to be back with my former friends and acquaintances, but after a few weeks I began to wish that I was back in the Service. There's something fascinating about Army life that gets into your blood. I think it's fine that I was able to return to my old job after being released."

Joe Kadlac, Domestic Sales

"I was only in service for a few months, but even now I feel the urge to salute an officer on the street. Of course, one thing that I enjoy is the extra sleep that I'm getting."

Laddie Stastny, Bookkeeping

"I for one, really enjoyed the Army. One of the things to which I couldn't get accustomed after my release was civilian clothes. They actually seemed silly. Something to really appreciate, however, is having your old job back home waiting for you, in the same department and at least at the same salary with which I left. I'm really grateful for it."

Daniel Driscoll, Credit and Collection

"After spending 22 years in an office, Army infantry training seemed pretty rigid. Nevertheless, I would have liked to have stayed in the Army because I was just beginning to like that kind of life. Since returning I feel that I was fortunate to be able to step right in where I left off, at the very same desk."

Michael Farrell, Customer's Order

"Army life is certainly a good life for young men, but it isn't so easy on those over 35. I enjoyed my time in the Army, but spent considerable time in the hospital due to an operation. I'm happy to be back."

Here's one from a well-known Gas Man who prefers to be left anonymous

"Looking back at my short but most pleasant Army career, I can still see groups of men discussing the ever present subject: 'Will I get my old job back?' It is nice to look back to the many friendships I made in the Army. A person feels like thanking Uncle Sam for introducing you to the grandest group of men you ever met. With all those new friendships, it's nice to know that the 'gas house' is welcoming back these men to their old jobs at the same salary and that the welcome mat hasn't been taken from the front door. The men in the Service want no 'hullabaloo'—their main thought is to get back to family, friends, and 'their job.' "

Walter Boyko—Building Department

"I spent most of my time at Fort Sheridan, and like Army life very much. I certainly enjoyed the training in the Medical Corps, especially the gas school. Walking doesn't bother me anymore. After all of the hiking I had in the Army I can walk miles without getting tired."

Employe Forum Bows To Holidays: Next Meeting To Be January 25

BECAUSE most of us will be in the midst of the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping and the attendant excitement of Christmas and New Year's, the Employe Forum committee will not stage a meeting during December.

Plans for the January meeting are well under way and the committee hopes that the first meeting of 1944, to be held on January 25, in the main auditorium and Room 1039, will start the year off with a bang.

At the November Forum meeting, in the main auditorium, the Industrial Sales skit, "Piston Packin' Mama," was packed with amusing dialogue and laugh provoking lines. The above photo shows the veterans in action; they are: Salvatore Lange, Ralph Hoberg, and Stewart Parker. Not shown in the photo is Leone Clark, also a member of the cast. (See page 15).

R. J. CAHILL 1944 CLUB PRESIDENT

C. J. Poppelreiter Wins Vice Presidency

MEMBERS of the Peoples Gas Club have chosen Richard J. Cahill, former vice president of the Club, to be president of the organization during 1944. Mr. Cahill totalled 2,210 ballots during the election which took place on November 26.

Chris Poppelreiter, of Central District, became vice president elect, leading his opponents with a total of 2,139. Beatrice Burris, Correspondence Department, will have the position of secretary of the Club, having won a majority with her 1,487 votes, while the assistant secretary will be Rita Conlon, Bookkeeping Section, who took a majority over her opponents with a total of 1,695 votes.

James Snyder, was re-elected treasurer of the Club, running unopposed for the office. He received 2,893 votes in the election.

Two new members of the Executive Committee were elected this year: they are, Raymond J. Carty, South District, and Raymond P. Lynch, of the Chicago District Pipeline, representing Voting Districts 1-A, and 1-B, respectively. Re-elected members of the Executive Committee are Stephen Jorfe, Customers Order, from Voting Division No. 2; J. G. Gallagher, from Voting Division No. 6; and Harry F. Foley, Personnel, who was re-elected in voting division No. 7.

Smiles of victory are reflected in the faces of the above newly elected officers of the Peoples Gas Club. They are, Chris Poppelreiter, Central District, vice president. Rita Conlon, Bookkeeping, assistant secretary; Richard Cahill, Customers, president; Beatrice Burris, Correspondence, secretary; and James Snyder, Treasury, treasurer.

Company Girls Do Big Selling Job In Theatre Bond Booth

APPROXIMATELY fifty Company girls are definitely doing their part toward winning the war. They are volunteering their time to sell war stamps, bonds, and corsages at a booth in the Roosevelt Theatre, and are doing a good job.

A report is turned in on the amount of sales made by the girls throughout the week, and a monthly report is made out at the end of the month. In November $2,538.05 worth of bonds, stamps, and corsages were sold, while in October the money taken in amounted to $3,403.90. The increase in sales in October was the result of a Bond Drive which was just being completed. During these drives, the increase in sales of both War Bonds and Stamps is very great.

Every evening two of the girls report at the Roosevelt theatre and work from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. On Saturdays and Sundays four girls are required at the theatre, two in the afternoon from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., and two in the evening, working the same hours as the girls during the week.

There is a great deal of satisfaction derived from volunteering one's time to a cause of this nature. Many of the girls have brothers, husbands, and sweethearts in the service, and some of them have sisters and close friends in the women's branches of the service.

More Voting Divisions In New Gas Club Arrangement

A NEW arrangement of voting districts was adopted by the Executive Committee of the Peoples Gas Club this year to give a more equal representation on the Committee for all divisions of the Company. One of the major changes in the voting division setup has been in the Operating Division of the company, which contains 48.5 per cent of the whole Company Personnel, and which had only one representative on the Committee. That group now has a total of three representatives.

Executive Committee members pass on all Club expenditures, and approve of plans for all social and recreational events of the Club.

The members of the executive committee who are to serve for another year are: Jack Royle, of Crawford Station, who has been changed from Division 2 to voting Division 1; C. A. Madison, Stores Department, whose division is now No. 3 instead of No. 4; Edward Finerty, Domestic Sales, whose division is No. 4 instead of No. 6; and J. J. McNerney, Customer Accounting Department, who represents voting division No. 5 instead of No. 8.

The voting divisions which elected new representatives on November 26, (see story in adjoining columns on this page) and the departments included in each are as follows: Voting Division 1-A, including North, South, and Central Districts; Transportation, Meter Shop, and the Warehouse Building.

Voting Division 1-B, including Distribution (Main Office), Gas Dispatching, Engineering, and the Chicago District Pipeline (Main Office).

Voting Division 2, including Customers Service Division executive offices, Bill Delivery, Customers, Customers Order, and Meter Reading departments.

Voting Division 6, including Research and Testing Division executive offices, Gas Research, Metallurgical, Photographic, Physical and Chemical Testing, Plant Testing, R & T Facilities, and Utilization Testing.

Voting Division 7, including executive offices, Claim, Personnel, Peoples Gas Building, and the Treasury Department.

A War Veteran At 20 Years

Bud Juell, Sailor, packed plenty of excitement into two years of service for Uncle Sam. Then came a plane crash and now he's our youngest war veteran

WE HAVE a young man in our midst who has seen more and been farther at the age of twenty than many of us will during a lifetime. He is B. T. "Bud" Juell of our Messenger Section, and he has recently returned from some very exciting experiences.

Bud was born twenty years ago, October 22. The day after his eighteenth birthday he was on hand at the Navy Recruiting Office, joining the Navy as an apprentice seaman. He had his usual four weeks "boot" training, and then received an exciting nine day leave, for he suspected that he was not going to be kept in "cold storage." He was sent to an O.G.U. (outgoing unit) to await duty and finally to a receiving ship at San Francisco.

Full Speed Ahead

After much suspense and impatient waiting the U.S.S. Porter put out to sea on November 13, 1941 carrying Bud Juell as a 2nd class seaman. Their first port of call was Yokahama Harbor, where a three day leave was very much welcomed, and then on to Shanghai, Hong Kong, and Singapore.

While the U.S.S. Porter was peacefully sailing to Pearl Harbor, and just two days before it was scheduled to arrive, War was declared. The Japs had knifed us in the back. There was great consternation aboard, coupled with a command for forced draft.

Says Bud: "After doing what we could at Pearl Harbor, we set sail again and traveled to Sidney, Australia, and on to Aukland, New Zealand where we were again given a three day leave. Australians and New Zealanders are indeed grand people, and when one lands and becomes acquainted with them, nothing is too good for you. Both countries are strangely like the United States, except for their slang and their money. It took a while to learn their favorite phrases and one has to stop and think before paying for anything in their shillings, pounds, etc., for all of that—it seemed a great deal like home."

Enroute from Aukland, Bud contacted malaria and spent four days at a mobilization hospital at Noumea, New Caledonia. After his release from the hospital, he rejoined his ship, and passed within sight of the New Hebrides islands, Pago Pago, and Samoa.

B. T. Juell

Returning to Pearl Harbor, Bud made application to become an Aerial Gunner and straightway put out to sea again, traveling in a southerly direction. He was a part of the convoy sailing to Guadalcanal carrying the first contingent of Marines that were landed on August 7, 1942. After the landing operations were completed Bud's ship returned to Pearl Harbor.

On Patrol Bomber

At that point, he was notified that his application for Aerial Gunner had been accepted and he was enrolled at Alameda, N.A.S. (Naval Air Station) for five weeks aerial gunner training. Upon completing his training he was stationed with a P.B.Y. (Patrol Bomber-Catalina) squadron at Dutch Harbor where the weather never seemed to be anything but foggy and misty during the months of October, November, and December—the time he was stationed there.

In the latter part of December, he and six others started out on a Photographic mission, and while flying were attacked. Bud shot down two Jap planes and one probable before their plane was shot down. Bud was the only lucky survivor—the others were killed. He had been thrown through the gun turret and smashed his wrist and leg. Their plane had crashed in the water near Kiska and although the water thereabouts is very cold and fatal to anyone who is in it over 15 or 20 minutes, Bud is here to tell about it.

Bud's life jacket apparently inflated itself or he did it without realizing it, for after hitting the glass of the gun turret, he lost consciousness.

One of Bud's greatest desires since joining the service was to ride in a P.T. (Patrol Torpedo) boat, but not being twenty-one, the age required, didn't think he would get the chance for another year at least. However, upon regaining consciousness, he was informed he'd had his ride, but had been unaware of it, for these boats, among many other things, are used for the purpose of rescuing servicemen who have met with misfortune.

Bud was taken to the Oakland Hospital, in Oakland, and from there to Santa Cruz. He was given a thirty day leave and returned to Oakland where he received his honorable discharge papers.

Bud has seven campaign ribbons—Pre Pearl Harbor, Asiatic Pacific theatre, American theatre, Naval Expedition, Good Conduct, a V.F.W. bar and the Purple Heart. In the above picture he is wearing five of the seven. The Purple Heart hangs framed in his girl's home.

Company's Youngest Veteran

Bud has tried to get back in the service for he claims he'd indeed like another crack at those Japs, but it is only something he can dream about, for he cannot rejoin. He has made application and hopes to join our Peoples Gas Post American Legion. If he does, he'll be the organization's youngest member.

We are mighty happy to have you with us, Bud. We thank you and your kind for your splendid work in this War, and hope that it will be won by us in the not too distant future.

THE Women's Slant

BY MARTHA HOLMES, AND MARIE C. MEYERS

Have Fun

A handy little book to have around for filling some idle moments at those holiday parties is The Pocket Entertainer. It is filled with word games, puzzles, quizzes, brain teasers, etc. Published by Pocket Books Inc., it is obtainable in book stores and in the book sections of department stores.

One For the Style File

This fashion note might appeal to you for future use. Congresswoman Clare Luce on a recent trip to Chicago was much admired in a Camellia colored wool suit and navy blue with white polka dot blouse which was tied at the neck in a large bow. The combination of these colors is unusual and refreshing.

Christmas Cookery

"Know what?"

"No, what?"

"Well, all these bustling crowds and the pervading air of good cheer can mean only one thing. Christmas is just around the corner, and a near one at that, you bet. It almost scares me when I think of all the planning there is yet to do, and you know planning is especially important this year. But I can't help but be excited too.

"Just the other day I read an article by William Saroyan about what Christmas is, such as odors, sounds, tastes, sights, and just being together.

"Of course that last is going to strike a lonely note in our hearts this season since we all have relatives or friends in the armed forces making the symbol of Yuletide 'Peace on earth, good will toward men' become a reality.

"But Janie and Billie are still home so we're trying our best to make it just as happy an occasion as possible. Bob's letter from England said we'd be letting him down if we didn't.

"Just the thought of holiday cookery makes my mouth water. We'll have the usual—chicken, duck, goose, or turkey—if we can get it, and a tasty sage or oyster stuffing. We've had squash and rutabaga so much this fall, I thought I'd try broccoli or cauliflower. They both look so fresh in the grocery store. And, of course, the meal wouldn't be right without candied sweet potatoes and mashed white potatoes.

"The children love the pickled peaches I put up this summer too. Those with crispy celery curls sort of give a light contrast to the heavier dishes. I always feel I can eat more when I combine the two.

"My greatest problem always is what to serve for dessert. Pumpkin pie and plum pudding are so typical of the day that if you omit one or the other you feel as though you've neglected to invite an old friend, and yet they are so filling with everything else. I tasted a luscious pumpkin chiffon pie though the other day that seemed much lighter than the usual custard.

"Something that sounds ideal is a cranberry ice. You know that goes equally well as an accompaniment for meat or as a dessert. It's also nice to serve in a holiday punch. Guess I'll have to call Peoples Gas for other ideas. They usually help me out. It's to be extra special, you see, 'cause we're having a couple of service men out to enjoy Christmas with us.

"Well, I must be dashing off. And on the big day when you feel that comfortable drowsiness that comes from being slightly overstuffed, think of us. We'll be thinking of you. And a Merry Christmas to you."

The phone number is Wabash 6000. Ask for the Home Service Department.

Dish Delight

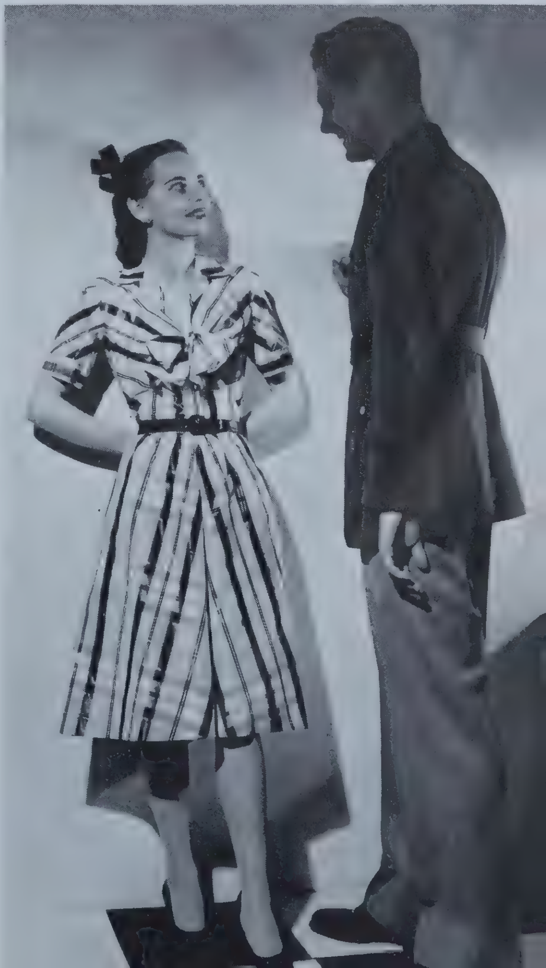
Mexican earthenware oven dishes are a real joy to use for certain types of oven cooking such as casseroles, souffles, puddings, beans, etc. They come in various sizes and would make practical Christmas gifts.

Whispering Rustle

The crisp looking enchantingly colored pastel plaid dress pictured here would allow you to swish around beautifully at the seasonal "doings" you are planning to give or attend. Its simple lines are easy to copy, if you sew your own.

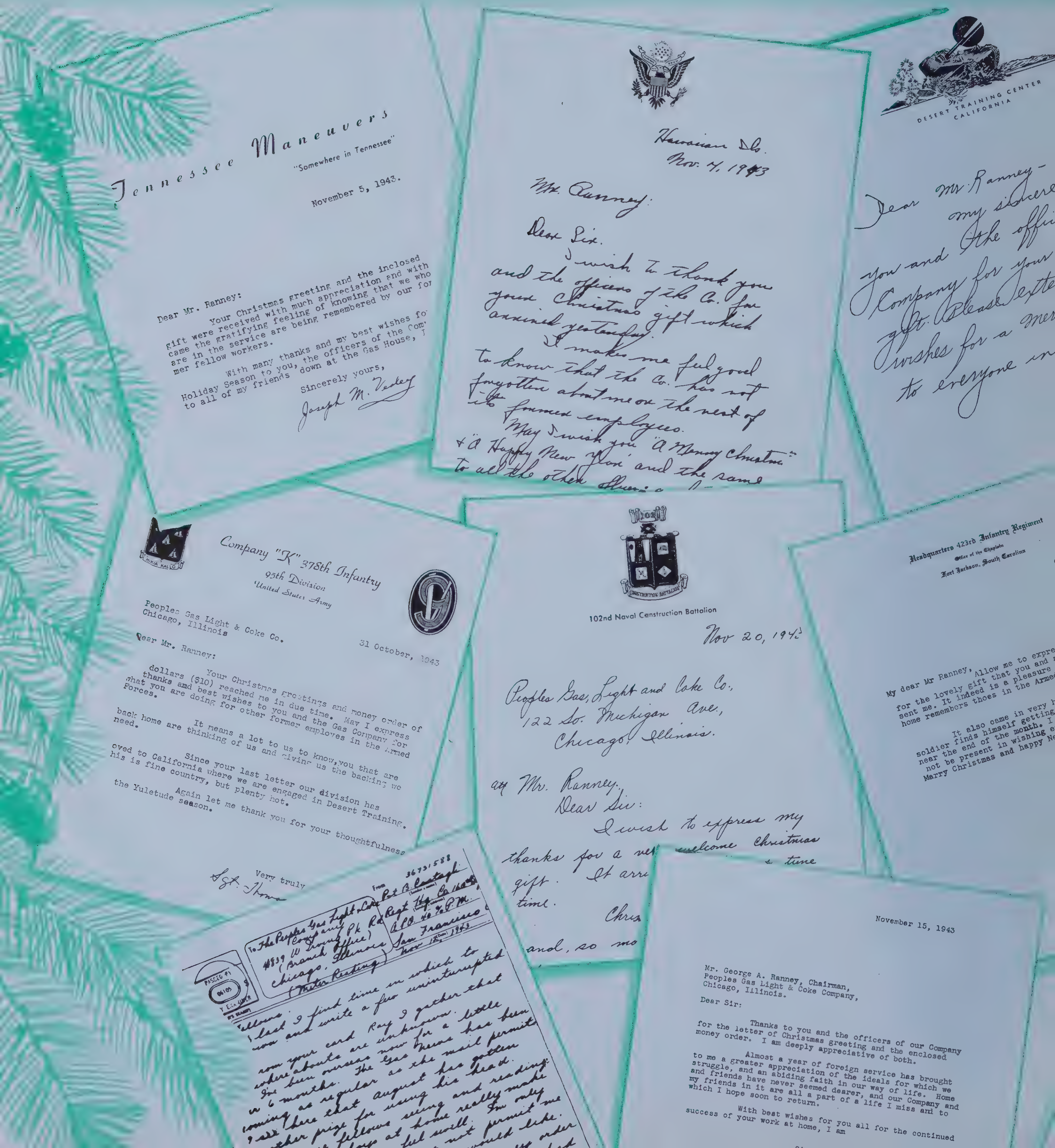
Distinctive Duo

You've seen printed luncheon cloths in stunning patterns and color combinations. Such a cloth split in halves makes beautiful kitchen curtains. Go a step further and get two cloths alike—use one on the kitchen table—the other made into curtains for the window. The effect is very pleasing.



You'll be in style if you select a dress that rustles, for those holiday gatherings. This one is made from a lovely pastel plaid taffeta, featuring a flattering bow neckline.

The Yanks say "Thanks"



Tennessee Maneuvers
"Somewhere in Tennessee"

November 5, 1943.

Dear Mr. Ranney:

Your Christmas greeting and the inclosed
gift were received with much appreciation and with
came the gratifying feeling of knowing that we who
are in the service are being remembered by our for
mer fellow workers.

With many thanks and my best wishes fo
Holiday Season to you, the officers of the Com
to all of my friends down at the Gas House, I

Sincerely yours,

Joseph M. Vesley

Hawaiian Is.
Nov. 7, 1943

Mr. Ranney:

Dear Sir.

I wish to thank you and the officers of the Co. for your Christmas gift which arrived yesterday.

It makes me feel good to know that the Co. has not forgotten about me or the rest of its former employees.

May I wish you "A Merry Christmas" & "A Happy New Year" and the same to all the other

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DESERT TRAINING CENTER
CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. Ranney—
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Company for your
gift. Please exte
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to everyone in

Company "K" 378th Infantry
95th Division
United States Army

Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.
Chicago, Illinois

31 October, 1943

Dear Mr. Ranney:

Your Christmas greetings and money order of
dollars ($10) reached me in due time. May I express
thanks and best wishes to you and the Gas Company for
what you are doing for other former employes in the Armed
Forces.

It means a lot to us to know, you that are
back home are thinking of us and giving us the backing we
need.

Since your last letter our division has
oved to California where we are engaged in Desert Training.
his is fine country, but plenty hot.

Again let me thank you for your thoughtfulness
the Yuletude season.

Very truly

Sgt. Thoma

102nd Naval Construction Battalion

Nov 20, 1943

Peoples Gas, Light and Coke Co.,
122 So. Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

att Mr. Ranney.
Dear Sir:
I wish to express my
thanks for a ve welcome Christmas
gift. It arri time
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Headquarters 423rd Infantry Regiment
Office of the Chaplain
Fort Jackson, South Carolina

My dear Mr Ranney, Allow me to expre
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sent me. It indeed is a pleasure
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soldier finds himself getting
near the end of the month. I
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Marry Christmas and happy Ne

From Pvt B. Castagli 36731588
Regt Hq. Co 160th
A.P.O. 40 % P.M.
San Francisco
Nov 18th 1943

To The Peoples Gas Light & Coke Company
#839 W Irving Pk Rd
(Branch Office)
Chicago, Illinois
(Meter Reading)

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EXAMINER

Fellows:
last I find time in which to
now and write a few uninterrupted
rom your card Ray I gather that
whereabouts are unknown.
I've been overseas now for a little
r 6 months. The Gas News has been
coming as regular as the mail permits
I see there that August has gotten
other prize for using his head.
fellows seeing and reading
at home really make
feel swell. I'm only
not permit me
would like.
order

November 15, 1943

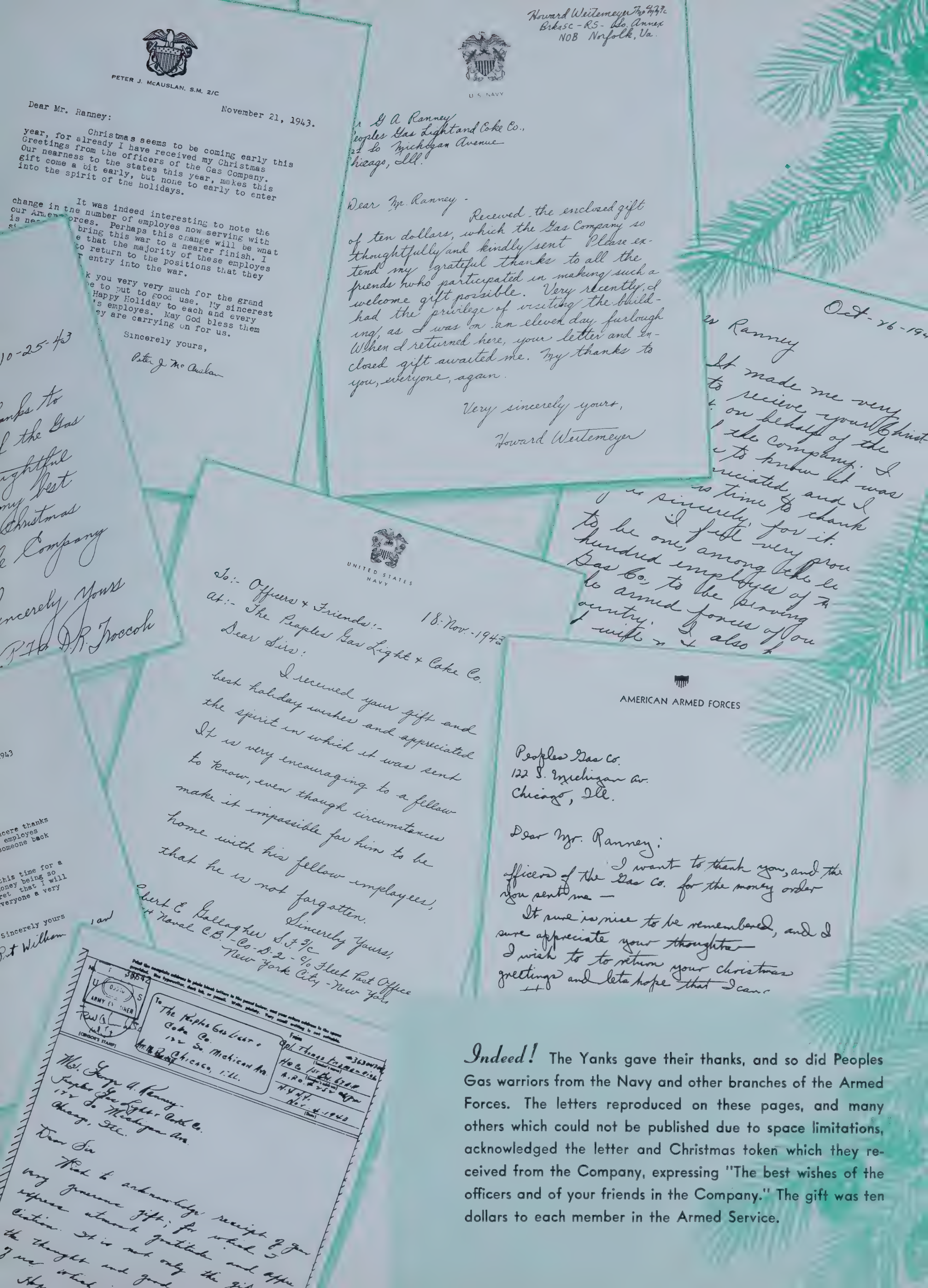
Mr. George A. Ranney, Chairman,
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Company,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Thanks to you and the officers of our Company for the letter of Christmas greeting and the enclosed money order. I am deeply appreciative of both.

Almost a year of foreign service has brought to me a greater appreciation of the ideals for which we struggle, and an abiding faith in our way of life. Home and friends have never seemed dearer, and our Company and my friends in it are all a part of a life I miss and to which I hope soon to return.

With best wishes for you all for the continued success of your work at home, I am



PETER J. McAUSLAN, S.M. 2/C

Dear Mr. Ranney:

November 21, 1943.

Christmas seems to be coming early this year, for already I have received my Christmas Greetings from the officers of the Gas Company. Our nearness to the states this year, makes this gift come a bit early, but none to early to enter into the spirit of the holidays.

It was indeed interesting to note the change in the number of employes now serving with our Armed Forces. Perhaps this change will be what is nec
bring this war to a nearer finish. I
e that the majority of these employes
to return to the positions that they
r entry into the war.

k you very very much for the grand
e to put to good use. My sincerest
Happy Holiday to each and every
's employes. May God bless them
ey are carrying on for us.

Sincerely yours,

Peter J. McAuslan

10-25-43

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e Company

Sincerely Yours
Pfc D. R. Troccoli

Howard Weitemeyer
Brks C - RS - So. Annex
NOB Norfolk, Va.

U. S. NAVY

r G A Ranney
eoples Gas Light and Coke Co.,
22 So Michigan Avenue
hicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Ranney -

Received the enclosed gift of ten dollars, which the Gas Company so thoughtfully and kindly sent. Please extend my grateful thanks to all the friends who participated in making such a welcome gift possible. Very recently, I had the privilege of visiting the building, as I was on an eleven day furlough. When I returned here, your letter and enclosed gift awaited me. My thanks to you, everyone, again.

Very sincerely yours,

Howard Weitemeyer

Oct-26-194

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veryone a very

Sincerely yours

Pvt William

UNITED STATES NAVY

To:- Officers & Friends:-
At:- The Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.

18. Nov. - 1943

Dear Sirs:

I received your gift and best holiday wishes and appreciated the spirit in which it was sent. It is very encouraging to a fellow to know, even though circumstances make it impossible for him to be home with his fellow employees, that he is not forgotten.

Sincerely Yours,

Albert E. Gallagher S.F. 3/c
Naval C.B. - Co-D-2 - c/o Fleet Post Office
New York City - New York

AMERICAN ARMED FORCES

Peoples Gas Co.
122 S. Michigan Av.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Ranney:

I want to thank you, and the officers of the Gas Co. for the money order you sent me —

It sure is nice to be remembered, and I sure appreciate your thoughts —
I wish to to return your christmas greetings and lets hope that I can

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ARMY EXAMINER

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To The Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.
122 So. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Ill.
Att. Mr. Ranney

From
Cpl. Thomas ...
Hq Co 1st Bn 678 ...
A.P.O. 252
N.Y. N.Y.
Nov-4-1943
(Date)

Mr. George A. Ranney
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.
122 So Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir

Wish to acknowledge receipt of your very generous gift; for which I express utmost gratitude and appreciation. It is not only the gift the thought and good
of me which

Indeed! The Yanks gave their thanks, and so did Peoples Gas warriors from the Navy and other branches of the Armed Forces. The letters reproduced on these pages, and many others which could not be published due to space limitations, acknowledged the letter and Christmas token which they received from the Company, expressing "The best wishes of the officers and of your friends in the Company." The gift was ten dollars to each member in the Armed Service.

Letters FROM OUR MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

S/Sgt. Charles C. Snyder
Bomb Squadron
c/o Post Master
New York, N. Y.

Charles Snyder

Seem to have lost contact with the states for a while, but now I'm on the ball and promise to write more often. I've really been a busy little beaver lately, hardly finding time to take an occasional snapshot.

Lately the food has been swell since we have a special combat mess. As yet, I haven't started talking to myself, but give me time.

Funny thing, four years ago we didn't have any idea about all this. Maybe it was just as well. We have plenty of good memories, and I'm looking forward to many more.

How many fellows do we have in the service at present? Plenty, I suppose, and what are the plans for the lads when we get home? Just a hint is good enough.

I'll get that package after I get to Berlin. I won't have to pay such a high price. Just take and leave, like they did.

Lt. K. J. Dawson
Somewhere in India

After a long but uneventful voyage I finally landed here in India. In fact, I truly believe that no one as yet has traveled so far and seen so little as we on our journey. India is all right if a person is inclined to like rain as we most certainly did have a good share of the amount that fell during the monsoon.

From what I have seen of this country, although that has been very little, things are not the way they are pictured in National Geographic. There is just too much dirt and filth about the natives of the East, while perhaps the beautiful and exotic are the words to be used in describing the Taj Mahal, but, for mine, I'll take the good old U.S.A.

Upon reporting here, I was assigned to a heavy bombardment squadron as engineering officer. As for the amount of work—there is always plenty of maintenance to be completed on a heavy bomber. I might add that we are doing a good job of "keeping 'em flying."

From what I understand everything imaginable is rationed back home. We, too, have to stand the talons of that demon to the extent of a package of cigarettes a day. We received the first issue of American beer this week and warm beer never tasted better to anyone.

In spite of the excellent quality and quantity of food I have managed by hard work and plenty of exercise to lose 23 pounds. I'm really in the pink and have no complaints to make from this side of the globe.

Pvt L. Dudek
Dutch Harbor, Alaska

L. Dudek

I'm sure pleased to hear that all the boys are feeling fine. In the Gas News, which I received while I was still in Bremerton, I did not find anything about the "Building Boys" winning the Tug of War. What happened?

I'm stationed now in Dutch Harbor, Alaska, where women are seldom seen, and are often spoken of, much to the sorrow of some of these Bremerton wolves.

Lt. (j.g.) S. F. Eaton, U.S.N.R.
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

I don't think I'll ever get used to going swimming in October, but it's grand fun. We usually spend our time off in Honolulu, swimming at Waikiki Beach, surf boarding, or just have a few at the Officers Club. I haven't had more than I should since coming out here. Somehow or other it seems to have lost its appeal.

White women are few and far between here, and those of them that are here, wouldn't get a tumble back in the States, although they're getting a lot of attention out here. Even the dark complexioned ones are beginning to look light. Some of them are downright pretty.

This is about the prettiest country I have yet seen, and I think I've seen as much of the U.S. as most of them. I can really understand some of the songs they write about this country. The moonlight was made for lovers, and the scenery for artists—an ideal place for the idle rich.

The group of us officers are still together, and getting along fine. We're quartered in a very nice place, which is run very much like a hotel with two to a room. The food is good and very reasonably priced as well as being plentiful.

Pvt. Richard L. Bergh
Somewhere in the South Pacific

Things are going pretty fast out here in the South Pacific. The war news generally looks good. After twenty-two months of jungle, I'm getting rather tired of it, but will try to do all right wherever I am sent.

I have been receiving the Gas News regularly up to now, and am able in that way to keep up with the gang.

Would sure like to know if my service with the Company is continuous while I am in the service. I certainly hope so—for I want to come back! I always liked my job, but now I realize, more than ever, what a really good job it was.

The scenery in these parts is said to be gorgeous and some of it is truly very beautiful. Right now, though, I can think of nothing more to my liking than a whiff of gas or a glance at the Chicago River's north branch.

I am indeed surprised that I am not more frightened of the bombing that is continuously going on around us, though I should be used to that kind of racket after riding on Chicago's transportation.

P.F.C. James Moran
Charleston, Oregon

James Moran

I received the latest Gas News and there sure was interesting reading all the way through.

There isn't much hot weather here as yet. Everything looks good with plenty of woods and an ocean full of waves. After being here for about six months, I am getting to like the place except for knowing there's a war going on.

GAS MEN REVIEW SAFETY RECORDS

Supervisors Tell "how it was done" at Three Divisional Safety Meetings

THE supervisory force of the Operating Division, including the men who direct the work of more than one-third of the Company's personnel, gathered at three meetings in as many parts of the city to review their safety accomplishments of the past three months, and to exchange ideas on the subject.

Those attending the meetings were engaged in the Operating Division's Supervisors' Safety Contest which will continue through the remainder of the year. The meetings were arranged and conducted by the supervisors themselves, and the men on the program were those from each district having outstanding safety records. By means of short talks they revealed some pertinent pointers on the subject of safety, based on their own experiences, and uncovered accident-prevention facts of definite value to their fellow gas men.

South Section began the series of meetings on November 2, under the chairmanship of George Burns, Meter Repair. The speakers were John Craven, South District, Edward Flynn, Calumet Station, Andrew Klawitter, Meter Repair, and Arthur Slinn, of South District.

Central District's get-together was staged on November 9, with Chris Poppelreiter as chairman. The speakers at Central's gathering were: James Sullivan, Crawford Station, John Hanson, Central District, Terrence Human, 22nd st. Station, William Schmid, Transportation, and Julius Nielsen, Central District.

The North Section supervisors assembled on November 10, under the chairmanship of Frank Geegan. The men who addressed the gathering were: Ralph Cummings, Division Street Station, George Vanderlip, and John McCann, of North District.

At each of the meetings, a safety film, "Cause and Cure" was shown, followed by a summary of up-to-the-minute safety standings by Supervisor of Safety E. S. Beaumont.

At Central District's meeting, William Menet, Michael Devanie, Peter Bruck, and Joseph Dever (above), look over a pair of goggles.

Around the safety display are the men who appeared on the North District program. John McCann, Ralph Cummings, Garfield Vanderlip, and Bernard Benson.

At the south side meeting, the above men took part in the program. They are: (standing) Andrew Klawitter, and Arthur Slinn; (seated), John Craven, George Burns, and Edward Flynn.

Now You See Them, Now You Don't

THE SPECIAL OFFER run in the November issue of the Gas News was certainly well read and the employes sure did take advantage of it. That fact was proven when those one-hundred Cory 8-cup coffee brewers were completely sold the day after the issue was received by our employes through the mail.

Persons receiving these coffee brewers as gifts will undoubtedly be delighted with them, that is, if the employes didn't keep them for themselves.

Entering Military Service As of November, 1943

WILLIAM C. ANDERSEN, *Meter Reading*
GEORGE T. COOPER, *Crawford Station*
FRANCIS J. KLAWITTER, *Central District*
ROBERT J. LA MONTE, *Bookkeeping*
WILLIAM J. LOFTUS, *Meter Reading*
ROCCO SANTORO, *North Sales*
WALTER J. VANDERVORT, *Gas Dispatching*

Gas Chess Players Beat Artists To Retain Trophy

ON FRIDAY EVENING, November 27, a group of nine players from the Peoples Gas Chess Club was royally entertained in tournament play by the celebrated Palette and Chisel Academy of Fine Arts in the drawing rooms of the latter's club house at 1012 North Dearborn Street. It was the seventh event of this nature between the two organizations, and was won by the Gas House players with a score of 10½ to 7½. Before the match, our players enjoyed an exhibit of fine paintings now on display, while after the match a delicious buffet supper was served by the club butler. The trophy called the "Horse's Neck" was retained by us. Our delegation consisted of the following players: Messrs. Bilbrough, Baumann, Hofmann, Morgan, Leach, Johnston, Zheml, and Annen, as well as, Miss Richeson.

Girls, Here's Your Chance to Drive Vehicles for Red Cross

THE American Red Cross Motor Corps Volunteers are certainly doing their part to alleviate any delay in the transfer of supplies from one Red Cross Center to another. These girls have various duties to perform and are doing them remarkably well.

There are thirteen-hundred Red Cross Centers in Chicago and vicinity making clothing and surgical dressings. These girls are devoting at least two days a week, as well as occasional evenings, driving station wagons to pick up materials for clothing and dressings, and to deliver the finished product for packing and shipping.

Another duty of the Red Cross Motor Corps Unit is to drive a staff of nurses, doctors, and technicians to war plants for the purpose of setting up mobile blood banks. By this means, those who wish to contribute their blood for a good cause are able to do so right on the premises.

Frequently, entertainers are taken to hospitals to make the lives of confined boys a little lighter; also one of the duties of these girls is to drive the "big names" to their destinations and back. In addition, they drive officers from post to post, and large convoys of trucks from state to state. Harriet McLaughlin, head of the Red Cross here in Chicago, suggested using volunteer women drivers. The suggestion was not only accepted, but is proving very much worth while.

Any woman who has a passion for driving, a real desire to aid our cause, and time on her hands, can volunteer for this work. It is both interesting and helpful.

SOCIETY STAGES WAR BOND SHOW

Prominent Women Attend Treasury's War Bond Cooking Demonstration

A NEW KIND of War Bond Show was featured in the Home Service Auditorium on Monday, November 15. The feature of the show was a cooking demonstration given by Mrs. Charles H. Roome, of New York, and Connecticut, for the Women's War Division of the War Finance Committee, United States Treasury Department.

Princess Rostislav, left, receiving bond from Mrs. O. H. Roome, seated.

It was not only of interest because it was given to stimulate the sale of War Bonds, but also because of the "No Point Three Course Menu."

The entrance fee was a War Bond of any denomination purchased on or after November 1, 1943. Approximately $12,000 in War Bonds were sold for this occasion.

On the Home Service stage, during the show, Mrs. Roome, an authority on food preparation, demonstrated several of her favorite recipes. She has studied at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris and upon returning to America, conducted cooking classes giving the proceeds to refugee children.

Her menu consisted of three "no point" recipes, namely: Crepe Suzettes, Mustard Greens, or Sorrel Souffle, and Filet of Sole de Guerre.

Mrs. Roome, who is prominent in the social register, was assisted during the demonstration by Princess Rostislav and Mrs. George McLaughlin, also well known in society circles. Mrs. Walter Wolf, who is Chairman of the War Finance Division Committee, made the introduction.

LIBRARY NOTES

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

LATEST PUBLISHED results of studies in progress under the Committee on Domestic Gas Research are now available in the Library, through the A. G. A.'s Research Bulletins No. 17, 18, and 19.

AUTOMATIC FLASH TUBE AND PILOT IGNITION, Bulletin No. 17, presents results of research in fundamentals of flash tube design for automatic oven and broiler burner ignition from a top burner pilot operating on manufactured gas. Status of automatic lighting of oven and broiler burners using constant burning gas pilots and automatic pilot valves in each compartment is discussed and a constructive appraisal given of contemporary equipment. Results of several years experience on the part of certain gas companies and manufacturers with approximately 5,000 ranges in service equipped with flash tubes are also reviewed.

GAS SUMMER AIR CONDITIONING, Bulletin No. 18, is the first formal publication on this subject. Summer air conditioning with gas is past the experimental stage and the field trial period, although both will continue as long as the war lasts. Contemporary designs now available are described together with test apparatus employed for determining their performance. Servicing details and operating costs are discussed. Durability, substantiality, and safety of operation are also demonstrated by test results.

EFFECT OF COLD INLET WATER on performance of automatic storage gas water heaters, Bulletin No. 19, presents much new and original data on the effects of inlet water at a temperature slightly above freezing on the performance of gas storage water heaters. Commonly used types of storage systems were considered in this study and operating data obtained on representative models. Additional information on condensation produced by very cold inlet water in the storage tank and methods usually employed for its disposal are briefly reviewed in the bulletin.

Fall Cue Tournament Nearing End

The Fall Billiard Tournament will be over the latter part of December, but the contest is fun, say the players. This year the competition comprises three classes of players: A, B, and C, with six players in each class. There are, as well, separate teams of three players, numbering from 1 through 6. A team is made up of a man from each class, an arrangement which balances the possibility of gain.

There are eighteen players in the tournament. Class A includes Bernard Wittman, Vincent Dorgan, James Waddick, Gerald Schwartz, William Richmond, and Edward Dillon. Class B consists of John Havlick, Gerald Wasson, Carl Kairis, Robert Potthoff, John Waddick, and John Flanagan, while Class C is comprised of George Laurence, chairman of the tournament, William McDonald, Thomas Dullaghan, Earl Geary, Fred Swanson, and Arthur Granberg.

Upon the completion of the tournament, the usual gold medals, billiard cues, and money prizes will be distributed to the winners in each class as well as prizes for the team winners.

Service Anniversaries

DECEMBER, 1943

40 YEARS

Schueler, William A. C., *Customers'*

30 YEARS

Barrett, Thomas E., *South District*
Larson, Valentine, *Distribution*

25 YEARS

Getz, Irene, *Customer Accounting*
Glaza, Walter A., *Meter Reading*
Lange, Walter C., *Customers'*
Morrison, Ruth A., *Drafting*
Orsor, Augustus S., *Customers Acc'tg.*
Smith, James J. No. 1, *Central Dist.*
Webber, Clarence E., *South District*

Gas Ads

Wanted to buy—1 ladies bowling ball, three finger. Call Local 814, Gas News office.

For Sale—Three steel venetian blinds. ivory colored. Two 28″ wide, one 42″ wide. Concealed mechanism. Good condition, 1½ years old. Price $15.00. For further information call Clyde Traise, Local 2133, Central District Shop.

Wanted: Washing Machine and Refrigerator. Call K. Morrison, Meter Reading Department, Local 312.

The above scenes, snapped at Central District's biggest Forum party of the year, on November 30, show, top left, a group of card players, John Teister, John Barbino, Archie Wharton, George Englert, and William Schmid.
Top right, a scene during the Industrial Sales skit, showing Leone Clark and Stewart Parker.
Lower left, Milton Levey, magician does wonders with a few neckties, to the amazement of Patrick Ansbro, left, James Gaughan, right, and the wide-eyed audience.
Lower right, Stanley Posen, produced melodies before and between the acts on his accordion.

Soldiers Prefer V-Mail—Says Army Captain

Few civilians need to be reminded of the fact that our men and women in the Armed Forces practically live from one mail call to another. Some will bear reminding, though, that soldiers like V-Mail letters because they are fast, compact, and sure. To the men far away, especially, letters that are fresh are highly important. In many instances, V-Mail letters reach their distant destination in a matter of weeks, while other kinds of mail often require months.

The process of V-Mail was explained for Gas News readers by Capt. Allan D. Ballentine, of the U. S. Army 6th Service Command, who said: "Your letter is microfilmed, and, in the final process, it becomes one of 1,500 letters appearing on a single roll of film. By this means, one mail sack does the job of thirty-six sacks of regular mail, and saves valuable cargo space. Arriving at its destination, the film is enlarged so that your letter is legible. Your original letter is kept on this side. If something should happen to the film while in transport, the original letter is refilmed and a new shipment is made."

More than forty million V-Mail letters have been dispatched overseas without the loss of a single letter! Army Postal Service has adopted the slogan, "V-Mail to be sure."

Credit Union Pays Dividend

As of November 30, the P.G.L. & C.C. Employes' Credit Union declared a dividend of three per cent or five dollars or more, payable December 15. These dividends will be paid in cash in accordance with the ruling made November 14, 1940.

Health
HOW TO KEEP IT

By **DR. HAROLD STEINBERG**

In severely cold weather, the circulation to the exposed parts of the body, the nose, ears, hands and feet is impaired. When this is combined with rapid loss of heat produced by wind or by wetting of the exposed parts, the tissues are further chilled, and soon frostbite may appear. As in the case of burns, there are various degrees of frostbite. In mild cases, the part which is at first white and bloodless, becomes red, warm, and swollen, then painful and tingling during the process of thawing out. In more severe cases, there may be blister formation and destruction of the skin layers. Prolonged exposure of parts of the body which are not clothed adequately to temperatures usually, but not necessarily, below 0° F. causes serious interference to circulation, producing gangrene.

Frostbite is something that never need occur. The preventive measures are:

1. Wearing of warm dry clothing. That does not mean excess clothing. For example, the wearing of two pairs of socks in shoes which are normally fitted for one will produce constriction and, consequently, will impair circulation.
2. On severely cold days, the periods of exposure should be as brief as possible, and frequent periods of warming are to be encouraged.
3. Smoking before, during and after exposure should be at a minimum, because smoking reduces the caliber of the peripheral blood vessels.

When frostbite occurs, don't rub the frozen part with or without snow. The injured tissue cannot withstand the further injury produced by rubbing or the loss of heat produced by the contact of the cold moist snow.

Remember, every case of frostbite must be seen by the doctor as early as possible if treatment is to be effective.

DEPARTMENTAL SECTION

Budget

BY CHARLES M. JENSEN

News reached us the other day that Lt. Marvin E. Cox has been promoted to the rank of Captain. . . . Coast Guardsman Bill Peters is now in the State of Washington awaiting orders to move on to Alaska. . . . John Davis is still getting a work-out down in Camp Hulen, Texas. . . . Bill Sauer is also in Texas. John Carson is now known as the "humane hunter." A hearty welcome to Mr. L. J. Saxum, who is a newcomer to the Company and this Department.

Tabulating Section

BY CATHERINE HEANEY

It's still the football season, with many of us being shifted to learn one another's work. . . . We are sorry to see Clarence "Micky" Sheridan leave the department, but glad he's established in retired William Burkhardt's job. . . . Happy to have Bernice Whitman and Jacqualine Surprenant from the Bookkeeping with us. Thanks, too, for your vacation candy. . . . Things are going along smoothly except for the sudden noise of a machine when the cards feel like "jamming." . . . Here is a picture of our former co-workers, Jean Brundage, Helen O'Leary, and Signal Corpsman Walter Kraack in Miami. . . . Bess Dempsey and Ace Colby were the heroine and hero, respectively, at the outset of an accident in the coat-room. . . . Victor Gabrielsen and Tom Dorgan, both in the Navy, saw the "welcome" sign and stepped in last month. . . . A beautiful diamond graces the finger of Helen Biddison since Thanksgiving. . . . We wish better health for your mother, Cecil Byrnes. . . . And a Blessed Christmas to ALL!

Jean Brundage, Walter Kraak, and Helen O'Leary.

Crawford Station

BY A. G. CANAR

One of our prosperous foremen accidentally dropped his bulging purse on his foot at home recently and fractured a toe. As a measure of precaution to prevent recurrence, he has purchased another pair of safety shoes for home use. . . . We have heard from Tom Nichol, who is soldiering at Fort Riley, Kansas, and likes it. . . . Lt. Emory A. Manlove of the Construction Battalion, U. S. Navy, who left for service about a year ago, recently communicated with us again. He is still somewhere in the South Pacific where the climate is hot, and the natives are dark. We extend to him greetings from all his fellow workers. . . . The Patrick McGuigan productions, incorporated announce the arrival of a baby daughter, Sheila Marie, weight 7 lbs. 12 oz., wheelbase 19½ inches. . . . John Waunaurny announced that he shot all the pheasants in the northern part of the State while he was on a hunting vacation recently. Now, Eddie Kindelin is in the southern part of the State on his vacation intending to shoot all the pheasants there, including some of those which got away from John. . . . A large group of the supervisors attended a regional safety dinner conference recently. Our James J. Sullivan was the keynote speaker and did himself proud.

Domestic Sales

BY GRACE CARDWELL

It's "old home week" for the Domestic Sales. Gerry Stucker, nee Bailey, promenaded throughout the building with her husband, Louis Stucker, and son, Lou II. . . . Mike Coyne dropped in on us too. Furloughs are wonderful things for morale building, aren't they? . . . Our jovial visitor in the clerical garb was none other than the Rev. Frank Sherman now caring for the spiritual needs of a parish in Lincoln, Neb., formerly a top flight member of this department. . . . There'll be extra ration books in the Carrier household now. They have a new member in the family, they call Janie, to thank for this. Congratulations Betty and Paul. . . . The hurried exits of certain department members when the minions of the law visited us recently were entirely unnecessary. The good-looking one was your correspondent's father, the heavy set one his partner. . . . The many members of the Company present at the 10th Annual Kelly Bowl Game would make an impressive roll call.

Above is S.Sgt. Robert Kellog, Jr., in a tropical setting which makes Chicagoans envious at this time of year. He was a turn-on man at Central before leaving for the Army.

Central District

BY JOHN F. BALCOM

On November 30, Central held its Annual Shop Party at Dvorak Hall, 2448 South Pulaski Road. A good time was had by all who attended. To those who assisted in making this affair such a success, we say, "thank you." . . . Orchids this month to our Chris Poppelreiter, who was elected vice president of the Peoples Gas Club. Congratulations, Chris! We wish you and the other new officers of the Club every success during the coming year. . . . Servicemen Notes: Francis Klawitter and Edward Markowski recently traded their "civvies" for "khaki" uniforms. Best wishes fellows, and don't forget to drop us a line to let us know where you are. . . . Thomas Burke U.S.N., Nick Connors U.S.N., and John Dolan U.S.A. recently paid the boys at the shop a surprise visit. It was nice seeing you fellows, and we hope it won't be long till we have all "youse" guys back with us at the shop again. . . . The Forum committee wishes to thank William O. Hinckley, Superintendent of the Transportation Department, for the arrangements he made in securing the interesting movie that was shown at the November Forum. This meeting was one of great interest, and very entertaining to all who attended. . . . Because of the interval between each issue of the Gas News, we, at Central, take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Another Central District man is Tech. Sgt. Frank Basile, shown below at attention.

North District

BY THOMAS DORE

Seasons greetings to all you boys in the Armed Forces at home and abroad, and to all our fellow employes, a very Merry Christmas and a Victorious and Happy New Year. . . . Did you know that Sam Miceli is operating a digging machine on an island in the Pacific? (Sam we hope you know how to stop the darn thing before you run into the ocean. Remember Wildwood Ave.) Dick Bergh is still in the pink of condition, and going on his second year in the S. W. Pacific. (Dick, have no concern, your service is O.K. once a Gasman always a Gasman. Glad to hear you receive the News regularly and we hope you see that Montrose Ave. street car soon.) . . . Robert Hjerstedt is still attending a Naval school in the East, but will return to Chicago in January to really get in the "fight." He's going to get married. Bob, as far as we are concerned, you deserve nothing but the best. Bring the Mrs. over; we want to meet her. . . . George Greben, member of the Merchant Marine, dropped in for a visit. And what interesting stories he had to tell of the places he has been and the sights he has seen. Africa, Sicily, and Italy—he was there, and with the first on some occasions. . . . Willard Kahlke, now an Army air cadet, and his best girl, Miss Wurster, paid us a visit. He tells us that he hopes to be flying high very soon; and so do we. . . . Flashes: Anthony Miceli, James Welling, and Anthony DeRose have been discharged from the Army, and have returned to the fold. Will we see you at the Shop Forum? We want Central District to know that "We had a swell time at your party." . . . Boys you are nearing the "300" mark for days without a lost time injury. You are doing a fine job; keep it up. . . . The Red Cross could use more BLOOD, and couldn't you use more BONDS?

Service Dispatching

BY GEORGE T. KAZUNAS

Military Notes: A welcome visitor was Lt. Jim Moroney. . . . Frankie Klawitter, of Central District, was assigned to Armorers School, Fort Knox. . . . It's "Colonel" Daniel Collins, after almost two months in Birmingham. This title is honorary, but complete with epaulets, juleps, and military trappings. . . . Sports: Among fans present at a recent football game were Roland Franzen, Bill Cary, and Frank Walsh. Because of cold weather, he says, Larry O'Connor was missing. How warm should it be, Larry? . . . Bouquets: Central District's committee and workers are to be congratulated on the manner in which they handled the farewell banquet honoring Ray Paez and Jack Taylor. One rarely has the pleasure of hearing so many complimentary remarks for such affairs.

Stores—Warehouse

BY MARIE J. LEHMANN

We received a very interesting letter from Cpl. Frank Benham in appreciation of the birthday card we sent him. He spoke of the unusual manner in which he spent his birthday—out on a field problem in a foxhole. . . . We gathered a little news about our shy and modest Dads here at the office. Tom Kane has a son in the Coast Guards on location in British West Indies and another in the Army Air Corps in Florida who is expected home for the Holidays. . . . Louis Keiner's youngest son is home on leave and is going to forsake bachelorhood on December 4. Another son has been seeing active duty in New Guinea and Australia. . . . Clem Cooper's son is flying with the Navy. . . . John Murphy's son is serving the Army in Iceland. . . . George Sheppard's son is in the Army and stationed in California. . . . Emil Anderson's son is expected home on leave for the Holidays. He is in the Navy. . . . Messenger Service lost a grand girl when they gave us Dorothy Kopera. Welcome to the Stores Department, Dorothy.

Purchasing Department

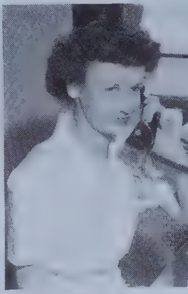
BY HELEN LAMEIKA

Seasonal Sentiments: C. C. LeForge: "The Purchasing Department wishes all other departments in the Company a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year". . . . L. D. Keeslar: "Greetings". . . . James Bouchier: "Two things stand like stone: kindness for others—courage in our own". . . . "Sad Sack" William MacDonald: "Paper shortage—no cards —Merry Christmas—Yank, please copy". . . . Clarence Patterson: "Faith, courage, and hope to loved ones separated; good cheer and best wishes to all". . . . Helen Costabile: "May peace, courage, and good health be ours this coming New Year". . . . George Scent and Donald Bell are home hugging heaters to divorce their colds; consequently, no quotation.

Personnel

BY MARIAN BRYANT

ALICE LAKE solved the problem of being dubbed "Veronica" by becoming Mrs. Bob McLaughlin in Sacramento, California, November 13. Here she is pictured at her desk in the Medical before her Army lieutenant called her to "come on out." . . . Howard Weitemeyer, formerly of the Library, and now in the Navy, wrote in a recent letter: "I am now stationed 'Somewhere.' During my travels I have met many friendly and interesting people. I've been to places where opportunities to converse in French or Spanish are quite numerous." . . . Welcome, Frances Gorman, to the Employe Service Section. . . . Miriam Nelson, the new face in the Medical Section, and Marian Bryant, together, celebrated their respective December birthdays by serving cake to the Medical staff. This is one time we had our cake and ate it too! . . . Merry Christmas, everyone, and a Happy New Year too!


Alice Lake

Engineering Department

BY JULIEN JORDAN

THE DEPARTMENT sends the season's greetings to our men in the Service. . . . We had a letter from Jim Dawson, who is located someplace in India. Your first letter must have strayed some place between here and there. We were glad to hear from you, Jim. He says that he has never traveled so far and seen so little. . . . How is the hunting in the Souwespac, Cliff Older and Tom Petty? . . . Dan Collins of the Service Dispatching office is still in Birmingham, inspecting pipe. Frank Seaton of the Property Accounting department has recently gone to Birmingham for pipe inspection. . . . Ed Anderson, our chief blood donor, has given of the precious fluid eight times. What men, these Scandinavians. . . . Paul Henehan was in a big shakeup on a Northwestern train recently. As a result, he spent some time in the Passavant Hospital with a leg injury. . . . Ed. Gibbs is in the field, establishing bench marks along the route of the "big inch" pipeline, while our Beau Brummel, Rees Evans, has a gang digging test holes. Rees has become a coffee drinker, since it is impossible to get tea in that locality. John Schuldt, of South District, and Adam Soich, of Central District, have been added to our force, helping to hold the "Fort" in the back room.

Meter Reading

BY STEPHEN A. FORAN

THANKSGIVING DAY, 1943, had a very special significance for our Julia Hoberg. On that day, she became Mrs. James Vignola. Congratulations to the happy couple and may they make every day a day of thanksgiving. . . . By the time this is in print, this department will have four more of its "aces" in the armed services. They are Anthony F. Spinosso, Ray Magistrelli, Jack Shannon, and Lawrence Hughes. There is no doubt that these boys will make their particular branch of the service a little bit better by their presence. . . . Joe Sullivan paid us a visit recently. Uncle Sam outdid himself when outfitting Joe. His uniform fits him like the skin on a sausage. . . . "Whispering" Mike Andretich, he with the vitamins, plus vocal chords, is famed also for other feats of unusual ability. His favorite dance is an out-of-this-world step tenderly called "the bear hug." Terpsichore, he calls it! . . . We take this opportunity of wishing each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Messenger Service

BY FRANCES CONNOR

THIS MONTH has been a fairly quiet one for our section, broken only by such occurrences as visits from Louis Stucker, Jr. . . . Jane Svoboda has given her second pint of blood to the Red Cross. It looks like she's going to keep giving until she's related to at least one of the casualties. . . . Louise Costa and Mary Ellen Heffernan are the two new Ante Room messengers, both excellent workers. . . . Every once in awhile we hear from little Dorothy Kopera. She's doing fine.

Geraldine Stucker, formerly of the Receipts, and Domestic Sales, is pictured above with her smiling youngster, Louis II. Proud papa is Lou Stucker, now of the U. S. Navy, formerly of the Stationery Section. Grandpa is Urban Stucker, supervisor of messenger service.

General Accounting

BY PETER GILLIGAN

GWEN HARDY believes in literally "ringing" in the holiday season. She's now sporting a sizeable sparkler on her engagement finger. . . . It's good to have Leo Vernon, Peggy Murnane, and John Blaney back at work after their recent sojourns in the hospital. The whole department hopes for the early return of our remaining convalescents, Tom Howe, George Madiol and Ed McGraw. . . . Answering Uncle Sam's call for aid in the war effort were Relda Day, and June Frost, who have joined the WAITS. It was a new one on us, too, but we've been informed that it means Woman's Aircraft Instrument Training. . . . Ken Love, formerly of the Accounting Machines Section, and now a Specialist, First Class, in the Navy, visited the department over the Thanksgiving weekend. Ken is stationed at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, where he is working on a new I.B.M. installation. . . . There's a change in Paul Carrier these days. There's a decided spring in his step, a noticeable expansion of his chest and a new lilt in his voice. The reason, 'tis said, is that he is the very proud father of a baby girl. . . . It's getting so that every month there's an item telling of one of the girls from our department getting married. Patricia Coatsworth is our latest bride, having been married to Paul Slaughter, in Evanston, November 5. The groom is an Aviation Cadet taking Bombardier training at Deming, New Mexico. . . . Our deepest sympathy to John Gerski on the death of his father.

Receipts

BY ROSEMARY CLYNE

CORDIAL WELCOME to Mary Singleterry, Ruth Banik, Caroline Huter, Doris Ann Nordmark, and Mary Ward. Also, a very cordial one to visiting George Maresh from the Bookkeeping Section. . . . Alice Rootes returned with happy tales of her vacation in Maryland, and Josephine Druktenis beams when she tells of her vacation spent down on the farm. . . . That very attractive Marine ring on Frances Mogren's desk will soon be on its way to her son, Kenneth, who is in Radar training at Camp Pendleton, California. . . . Happy service wives number among themselves Betty Sweetman and Mary Singleterry, who are eagerly awaiting expected furlough visits from Corp. Robert Sweetman and Pvt. Kenneth Singleterry. . . . If Caroline Huter persists in her belief that torpedoes are approximately two blocks in length, Uncle Sam will probably have to draft women. He's going to need a lot of sailors to lift one of those.

Archives

BY R. C. FITZSIMMONS

THIS SMILING SOLDIER is none other than James Canty. A letter with this picture, from Jim's mother, informs us that her son is now in England. Let's hear all about it, as soon as you can, Jim. . . . The Archives echoed again a couple of weeks ago with the siren voice of John Smit, back on a ten day leave from Georgia. John expects to move soon but was unable to say where. . . . Hughie Cornyn, at last, came out of hiding and surprised us with our first commissioned officer from the Archives department. Good work, Hughie, and we mean work! Sorry your leave was too short for a visit, but please send us a picture. . . . Greetings from all of us at the Archives to our friend, Billy Burkhardt. May you have a long and healthy retirement.

James Canty

Bookkeeping

BY RITA CONLON

THANKS TO ED. MEYERS, Elmer Filek, Stebbins Hardware, Sears Roebuck, 5 and 10 cent store, and Hines' Lumber Company, Jim Perkins finally got his laundry cart made. It is rumored that Mrs. Perkins will probably start sending her wash to the laundry. . . . To our honor roll has been added Robert La Monte, serving in the U. S. Army. The best of luck to you, Bob. . . . Marie De Young, Winfred Welbes, and Doris Di Windt, are welcomed into the department. . . . The former Harriet Mydlach is now Mrs. Beenie. Best wishes are extended to her. . . . Pete Brodesser, stationed at Glenview, paid us a visit. . . . William Burkhardt retired from the Company after 40 years of faithful service. G. I. Simpson presented him with a beautiful Lord Elgin wrist watch and a war bond, a tribute from over 200 workers of the Customer Accounting Department. Afterwards the crowd made merry at a supper party given in the department. Assistant Vice President S. J. Barrett and eight members of annuitants alumni gave short toasts to the new pensioner, William Burkhardt. Your scribe wishes to thank the employes throughout the Company who elected her to the office of assistant secretary of the Club; and she adds to her sentiments the thanks of Ollie Nona, Al Colfer, and Roberta Malloy, who greatly appreciate the votes which they received during the nominations.

William Burkhardt and George I. Simpson

Calumet Station

BY WILTON BROWN

ON DECEMBER 1 we said "so long" to one of our old timers, Frank "Miller" Kulesza. He is well liked by all, and we certainly wish him every happiness in his future days. He was the center of attraction at a farewell gathering here, at which time he was presented with a fine watch from his fellow employes. The spokesman at this presentation was Ed. Flynn, the popular M.C. of stage, radio, and screen. Don't forget to stop in and see us, Frank! The welcome mat is always at the door. . . . We miss Willie Kleefisch and trust this finds him well on his way to recovery. . . . We are glad to have John Phillips with us and hope that he finds this a fine place to work. . . . Frank Lavin is back after being away quite a time with an eye injury received while on his vacation. We have heard many versions of how it happened. We still wonder. . . . Larry Kinsella is now working at Calumet. We are happy to have him with us. . . . Much activity occurred at the Creighton poultry market on November 23. The cause of this activity was "Lucky Tom," who won a turkey on Tuesday night after having bought one on Monday. Many offers were made for the bird, but "Tom" calmly turned them all down to avoid selling his luck. What price superstition? . . . The gang at Calumet join your scribe in wishing each of you a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year with an extra wish for complete victory early in 1944.

Bill Delivery

BY ROSEMARIE PATEK

WE JUST RECEIVED a Christmas card from Roy Sweitzer, stationed in Hawaii. It's the first time we have heard from him this year. It's nice to hear from you, Roy! . . . Did Margie Madsen ever tell you about her Al. If she didn't, she slipped up somewhere. . . . Congratulations to Rose-Marie Patek, and Margie Madsen. They just received their engagement rings, and they're both still in that "daze." . . . Pity the plight of Freida Jauch every lunch hour. She goes shopping (at least she says) and always gets caught on the other side of State Street. All the department wonders what, or even who, it can be! . . . Camille Polumbo has her Joe, and Evelyn Agnew has her Art, but Pat Devitt has her Johns, Joes, Jims, and even Als. . . . We have a tough time deciding which sounds better—Pat Devitt's whistling or her singing. We thought it might be better if she tried humming for awhile. . . . A sight to behold is Peggy McDonald, working a route of bills, and singing at the same time.

Customers Order

BY CARL W. HAASE

PICTURED BELOW is our Mary Latham in our series of pin up girls. . . . Best wishes to Patricia Thomas upon receiving a diamond engagement ring from her heart-throb, Dick. . . James M. Mitchell, Assistant Supervisor, passed his twenty-five-year service mark with the Company. Congratulations, Jim, It's nice working with you. . . . Florence Creighton and Leona Goodney have been added to the roll of blood donors. Nice going, gals. . . . Jane Black left the Company to take up the duties of a housewife. Best wishes and good luck. Maurice Edgeworth and Walter Nevue, our songsters, entertained the fellows at the annual Central District party. . . . Congratulations!!! It's a boy at the Robert C. Potthoffs. It is now four boys and one girl. A six piece orchestra, with daddy as leader, is in the offing. What say, Bob? . . . This Department cut quite a swath in the Gas Club primary election. When the ballots were tabulated, it was found that our Dolores Mahoney and Marge Brown had more than 900 votes apiece. They are candidates for secretary and assistant secretary, respectfully. However, it was found that due to a technicality, they were not eligible to run for office. . . . Marge and Dolores extend their gratitude and appreciation to their friends who voted for them and wish success for the new Club officers.

Mary Latham

Coke Sales

BY MARGARET VAN NEST

We enjoyed a long visit with Edward Becvar, SK 3/c, home on furlough before shipping overseas. Ed has had his first boat ride. He was assigned to LST duty (landing supplies tanks) in the Atlantic. Ed says he didn't get seasick and is anticipating with pleasure the trip ahead. . . . Ray Schmitt has successfully passed his session with Father Neptune on crossing the equator, although "Pop" must have handled him pretty roughly, since he had to eat most of his meals standing up. He is now somewhere in the southwest Pacific, and says he wouldn't trade his experiences for a million. We're waiting for that get-together to hear about them, Ray. . . . Charlie Zeller is busy helping Uncle Sam in the Navy Yard at Pearl Harbor. He has met several Gas Company fellows there, and from all reports is enjoying Hawaii, although working hours are long and strenuous. . . . Verne Graves' wife underwent a major operation recently, but we are glad to report she is recovering nicely. . . . Other recent visitors were two former employes of the Coke Plant, Seaman George Lagodny and his wife, and Lt. Charles Burian. George is training to be a machinist's mate; Charlie is on his way to an overseas base, having volunteered for special duty in England. We were glad of this chance to say hello and wish them the best of luck.

Credit and Collection

BY WALTER OHMACHT

Aviation Cadet
Wm. Meyer

This is Bill Meyer, formerly of the Collection Department. Bill is now an Aviation Cadet stationed at Maxwell Field, Alabama. . . . A recent furlough proved that Bill's Uncle Sam is a pretty good instructor as well as provider. . . . Did yo' all know that Mary O'Donnell is from the deep south, sho nuf!! When she lapses into dialect, you'll know what I mean. . . . Now that cold weather is here, Ed Driscoll is again manufacturing and selling his own patented snow remover called a superimpinator. Catalog upon request, no phone orders, please. . . . It may be that Anna May Sheahan's infectious smile is not caused by a masculine interest, but we doubt it. . . . Dick McLamore, in on leave from Camp Adair, Oregon, represents what Army training and chow does to a soldier. What a man! . . . Doris Lines, who recently joined the Waves, reports there is nothing like it. "She loves it." She would like to hear from some of her old friends. Your scribe has her address. . . . Ted Schaefer is back after being laid up a week for repairs. . . . Ditto George Zwissler. . . . Bruno Burba's recent letters are keeping us well informed as to how much he is enjoying army life. . . . Late Flash! Congratulations to Julia Hoberg and James Vignola, who were united in holy matrimony on Thanksgiving Day. Good luck to you both. . . . Before Christmas, Santa Claus is generally pictured carrying the bag. After Christmas, Dad is left holding it. Merry Christmas and a peaceful Happy New Year to all, especially to our co-workers who are members of the armed forces.

Correspondence

BY ESTHER FREDERICK

When it comes to writing cute letters, we have to award Anita Lund the first prize, because those we've read from her surely take the cake. We got a true picture in her descriptions of her "boot camp days" and look forward to seeing Anita on the first leave the Navy will give her. We are waiting to hear her tell of her many experiences. In her latest letter she told of an impending visit to New York and the things she had planned to do. She probably managed about half the things she planned. . . . We enjoyed seeing Bill Lubben when he stopped in for his visit with us, and were all curious as to whether he had come home for an important date with the preacher. He assured us that it was just a visit with the home folks, and were they glad to see him. . . . We heard Jim O'Meara was in town again, but he was a little too busy to stop up to see us. Maybe next time, eh Jim? . . . From England comes word that Ed Ziemba is all right; also and still keeping his chin up and dodging. . . . We'd love to see all our boys for Christmas but that will have to be another year. Until then, all we can say is "Merry Christmas" and "God Bless You and Keep You Safe!"

Meter Shop

BY GEORGE D. BURNS

Michael Gorman, of our Appliance Section, retired December 1. After 32 years of faithful service, we wish to congratulate Mike. It is our wish that he enjoys a well earned rest. . . . Our congratulations also go to James Fitzpatrick, of the Meter Shop section, who was elected business agent of the Gas Workers Union. . . . Here's hoping that the following have a speedy recovery from a prolonged illness: Ivan Anderson, Tony Cappella, and Nick Costantino. . . . It has been a long time since we received any mail from our boys in the service. We can't write to you fellows unless you let us know your addresses. If you have the good fortune of reading this issue of the Gas News, we just want you to know that we haven't forgotten you. . . . A bit of news from Messrs. Hutchinson, O'Dornan, Cuculich, McLaughlin, Ognibene, Cronin, and Danisch would be appreciated. . . . We have been hearing things about Andrew Solare lately. It seems the sound of wedding bells is in the air. Let us know when it happens, Andrew. We haven't been to a wedding in a long time. . . . Frank Ublasi, Jr. is back with us after a fling at being a service man and a meter reader.

Statistical Department

BY EDITH MOSGERS

Sailor Elmer Michaels

The Thanksgiving holidays found Helen Farrell and Margaret Rubly having a grand time in Fargo, North Dakota, where Helen's brother and Margaret's husband happened to meet each other. They are now seeing much of each other while in training at the Army Air Force Administrative School. . . . Here is a picture of our sailor, Elmer Michaels, who paid us a welcome visit while on leave after seeing action in the Pacific. . . . Another sailor, George Lagodny, is studying at the Diesel School, University of Illinois. . . . Speaking of pin-up girls, Captain Verne Simmons thinks he has a number-one charmer—Andrea Lee, aged eleven months. He brought her in to see us when he was home on leave from Eglin Field, Florida. While on the subject, Paul Coons seems to have found his number-one girl, and announces his marriage in September to an army nurse at Jefferson Barracks. Paul is now attending the Army Air Force Officer Candidate School at Miami Beach. Best wishes to the newly-weds. . . . Two more "stay-at-home" vacations were enjoyed by Joyce Van Cura, and Adeline Rasmussen. Welcome to Ruth Shaff from the University of Illinois, and John Koster from South District, who are now members of our department. . . . We join with all our boys in the armed services in extending to all of you the best of Christmas greetings and good wishes for the New Year, with hopes that next year they'll be here to greet us in person.

Industrial Sales

BY WILLIAM HELME

CONGRATULATIONS to the "Industrial Players" on their bang-up premiere performance of "A Day on the Industrial Front," as presented at the recent Forum before a capacity house. Paul Dreyer and "Stew" Parker were excellent in their straight roles, while Ralph Hoberg and "Shorty" Lange, in character, did a neat job in the laugh department. Leone Clark, as "Piston Packing Mama," highlighted the dramatic closing. The troupe was invited to repeat the show for the Central District shop. . . . Sgt. Joe Vesley finally got out of Tennessee, and is now deep in the heart of Texas. . . . Holiday greetings to our convalescents, Harry Weeks and Bill Riach, and to our boys and gals in uniform all over the world, "Smooth Sailing."

Auditing Department

BY ALBERT DRIGOT

ANOTHER BABY — more congratulation! Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Andries are proud parents of daughter Gabrielle, born November 1. . . . We extend our sympathies to Edward W. Regan on the recent death of his father. . . . Margaret Foster has recently left us in search of new fields and opportunities. Our very good wishes accompany this charming, cheerful Miss. . . . It was like old home week around Thanksgiving when Aviation Cadet (Navy) Tony DiLullo, Sgt. Tom Kirby, and Petty Officer, 1st Class, Kenny Love visited us. They all looked fine, and we were certainly happy to see them again. . . . From England comes news that Milan Vydareny is now a Major. Also, he appeared recently on "Brain Trust," a British counterpart of our "Information Please" radio show and acquitted himself right well before an audience of Scottish Fusiliers. . . . Mrs. Jack Cornelius tells us that her husband, Torpedo Man First Class, is now at sea aboard a destroyer. According to the Downtown Shopping News, carriers of that publication have formed a "Jack Cornelius Club" on the South Side in honor of him and his tenure with that group several years ago.

South Sales

BY WALTER CAHILL

IT'S A BOY, James Platt Munroe, at the Roy Munroe's. Roy is doing fine, thank you. . . . Jane Holmes, marine private first class, paid us a visit recently. She is located in Edenton, North Carolina, and is enthusiastic about the service. . . . Angeline Navigato is wearing a diamond ring. Cupid and the war are running a close race.

Tax & Property Acctg.

BY DOROTHY TEUBER

BITS OF NEWS about the various members of our department. . . . Ted Koenig moved to Lombard, and has since become very proficient in interior decorating. . . . John Cawley is just fine again after his recent illness. . . . We're glad to have Ward MacCallister back with us. . . . Lorraine Springman had an enjoyable week-end recently in St. Louis . . . we have about ten experts (?) in contract bridge after all the lessons the girls received at the "Y." . . . We all enjoyed the jokes and cartoons in the scrap book Jean Gregory made for the U.S.O. . . . After three years in the Pacific, Ed Ryan's son is home. . . . Jack Fyffe, Bill's son, came home for a few days. . . . Eleanor Hakanen went to Upper Michigan to spend Thanksgiving with her parents and brother; the latter has just returned from Sicily. . . . Bill Mott's son, Jimmy, is very proud and happy about his new brother, Thomas William. . . . We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Treasury-Receiving

BY RUTH CARLSON

CONGRATULATIONS to the happiest Marine on Treasure Island, Johnny Heidemann. His wife, Marge, presented him with a little bundle called Mary Lou. Marge was formerly a co-worker in the Sub-Station group. Best of luck to three grand people. . . . Glad to see Helen Levand looking so well after her recent hospitalization. . . . Muriel Keeley really thinks Denver is quite a spot, as indicated by her two trips out there. . . . Best of luck to our latest newlyweds, the Edward Waldys, who tied the knot at Our Lady of Grace Church on Thanksgiving Day. Very appropriate, we'd say. The bride is the former Rita Etzkorn of the Main floor, and Ed hangs his hat in the Claim department. . . . When Fred Reblitz made the rounds of the Gas Company on a ten day furlough, his young offspring, Howard, took in the whole show wide-eyed. Maybe you'd like to take a job with us, Howie, in about fifteen years. "Daddy" Reblitz is looking swell, by the way. . . . Our boy-in-blue, Joe Fennell, sure swears by that Arizona climate. Joe spent his recent leave shivering in our "Windy City."

James Johns, now located near Augusta, Georgia.

Photographic

BY MYRLE THATCHER

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS from the boys overseas. Bill Beuke sends greetings from North Africa, and Harry Young from Australia. Bill Clyne, fortress gunner, is now beating it out using Nazis for drums. . . . Marine Al Walavich is leaving for the South Pacific where he will shoot Japs with cameras, dead ones he hopes. Al hopes to sew on those corporal stripes right soon. . . . Air Cadet Fred Kann is sharpening up a few brain cells at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. . . . Shirley Wright and Myrle Thatcher celebrated one year's anniversary in the department. They feel they have mixed enough chemicals to float a liberty ship.

Marine Al Walavich

Customers

BY RICHARD J. CAHILL

JIM LOMASNEY is certainly a proud father. His son, Gordon, is now a Lt. (j.g.) in the Merchant Marine. . . . That wasn't Clark Gable who paid us a visit a couple of weeks ago. It was Pvt. Gene Sommeks, sporting a 36″ waist line and a "victory garden" under his nose. . . . We all miss Margaret Malmborg, who left us to help her dad with his business in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. Peg is not only a very efficient girl, but has a grand disposition which made her well liked by all who knew her. . . . We extend our sincerest sympathies to Owen Fee on the death of his mother. . . . Customers' Department extends to all employes a heartfelt hope for an American Christmas, and a New Year which will bring peace to the world. . . . SPECIAL: It is not possible to personally thank those of you who voted for me in the recent election. However, I am deeply grateful, and will do my best to justify the honor you have bestowed upon me.

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